



Bastrop County

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Statement of Qualification Reference Number: RFQ 20BCP10C

Project Title: Professional Engineering Services for GLO 2017 CDBG-DR funds

Statement of Qualification Closing Date: 2 :00 P.M. (CST), October 29, 2020

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Request for Qualifications

1. Introduction

- A. Project Overview: Bastrop County is requesting Qualifications with the intent of awarding a contract for the purchase of goods and services contained in Appendix A – Scope of Services.
- B. Questions: Following are contacts for questions as identified.
- i. RFQ Clarifications: All questions related to requirements, processes or scope of work for this RFQ should be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Manager identified in section 2 below.
 - ii. Replies: Responses to inquiries which directly affect an interpretation or effect a change to this RFQ will be issued in writing by addendum and will be uploaded to the Bastrop County website (<http://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/pur.bids>). All such addenda issued by Bastrop County prior to the submittal deadline shall be considered part of the RFQ. The County shall not be bound by any reply to an inquiry unless such reply is made by such formal written addendum.
 - iii. Acknowledgement of Addenda: The Proposer must acknowledge all addenda by signing and returning such document(s) or by initialing appropriate area of the Statement of Qualification.
- C. Notification of Errors or Omissions: Proposers shall promptly notify the County of any omissions, ambiguity, inconsistency or error that they may discover upon examination of this RFQ. The County shall not be responsible or liable for any errors and/or misrepresentation that result from the solicitations which are inadvertently incomplete, ambiguous, inconsistent or obviously erroneous.
- D. Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Form CIQ): A person or business, and their agents, who seek to contract or enter into an agreement with the County, are required by Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 176, to file a conflict of interest questionnaire (FORM CIQ) which is found in Appendix C.
- E. Certificate of Interested Parties (1295 Form): A person or business, and their agents, who seek to contract or enter into an agreement with the County, are required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 2252, Subtitle F, Title 10, Section 2252.908, to file a disclosure of interested parties with the Texas Ethics Commission (https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm). A sample form and instruction sheet can be found in Appendix D.
- F. House Bill 89 Verification Form: A person or business, and their agents, who seek to contract or enter into an agreement with the County, are required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 2270 Section 1, Subtitle F, Title 10, Section 2270.001 to submit a verification form to the County. This Chapter reads “Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Boycotting Israel”. This form is found in Appendix E.

2. Definitions

Statement of Qualification: The signed and executed submittal of the entirety of Appendix B – Statement of Qualification.

Proposer: The Proposer and the Proposer's designated contact signing the first page of the Statement of Qualification.

County of Bastrop ("County"): The County of Bastrop, Texas.

Bastrop County Purchasing Office: The Bastrop County Purchasing Office is located at 803 Pine Street, Room 101, Bastrop County 78602. PH: (512) 581-7110; Fax: (512) 581-4228.

Project: The name is identified on the cover sheet and first page of Appendix A – Scope of Services.

Purchasing Manager: Bastrop County Purchasing Agent is Leon Scaife, Phone: (512) 581-7110, E-Mail: leon.scaife@co.bastrop.tx.us

Request for Qualifications (RFQ): The entirety of this document, including all Appendices and Addenda.

Scope of Services: The entirety of Appendix A – Scope of Services.

3. **General Information**

- A. Tax Exempt Status: County purchases are exempt from State Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax. Do not include tax in the Statement of Qualification. County will furnish Excise Tax Exemption Certificate upon request.
- B. Public Inspection of Qualifications: The County strictly adheres to the Texas Public Information Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 552.001, et seq.) and all other governing statutes, regulations, and laws regarding the disclosure of RFQ information. Qualifications are not available for public inspection until after the contract award. If the Proposer has notified the County, in writing, that the Statement of Qualification contains trade secrets or confidential information, the County will generally take reasonable steps to prevent disclosure of such information, in accordance with the Public Information Act. This is a statement of general policy only, and in no event shall the County be liable for disclosure of such information by the County in response to a request, regardless of the County's failure to take any such reasonable steps, even if the County is negligent in failing to do so.
- C. Legal Relations and Responsibilities: Proposer shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges, expenses and costs incurred in performing the Services for a period of at least Five (5) years following the termination date of the contract. The County shall have full and complete access to all records, documents and information collected and/or maintained by Proposer in the course of the administration and performance of the Contract. This information shall be made accessible at Proposer's local place of business in the County's jurisdiction, for purposes of inspection, reproduction and audit without restriction.
- D. Affirmative Action/EOE: Bastrop County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and strives to attain goals for Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12U.S.C. 1701u) as amended. See Appendix F - Bastrop County Section 3 Resolution.

4. **RFQ Withdrawals and/or Amendments**

- A. RFQ Withdrawal: The County reserves the right to withdraw this RFQ for any reason.
- B. RFQ Amendments: The County reserves the right to amend any aspect of this RFQ by formal written Addendum prior to the Statement of Qualification submittal deadline and will endeavor to notify all potential Proposers that have registered with the County, but failure to notify shall impose no obligation or liability on the County. All modifications and addendums must be in written form prepared by the County department issuing the solicitation. Proposer is responsible for incorporating any and all modifications and addendums into their Qualifications. All addendums will be posted on the Bastrop County website where this RFQ is posted

(<http://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/pur.bids>).

5. Statement of Qualification Submittal Requirements

- A. Submittal Packet – Required Content: Proposer shall submit 4 hard-copies and 1 electronic copy, the Proposer must submit one (1) signed original Statement of Qualification and three (3) copies. This submittal packet shall be submitted in a sealed envelope with a completed, signed and executed Appendix B – Statement of Qualification (Page 12-20).
- B. Submittal Deadline: The deadline for submittal of Statement of Qualifications is 2:00PM (CST) October 29, 2020. It is the Proposer’s responsibility to have the Statement of Qualification correctly marked and hard-copies delivered to the Bastrop County Purchasing Office. **No extensions will be granted and no late Statements of Qualifications will be accepted.**
- C. Statements of Qualifications Received Late: Proposers are encouraged to submit their Statements of Qualifications as soon as possible. The time and date of receipt as recorded in the Bastrop County Purchasing Office shall be the official time of receipt. The County is not responsible for late delivery of mail or other carrier. **Late Statements of Qualifications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
- D. Alterations or Withdrawals of Statement of Qualification: Any submitted Statement of Qualification may be withdrawn or a revised Statement of Qualification substituted if a written notice is submitted to the Bastrop County Purchasing Office prior to the submittal deadline. Any interlineations, alteration, erasure or other amendment made before the submittal deadline, must be signed or initialed by the Proposer or the Proposer’s authorized agent, guaranteeing authenticity. Statements of Qualifications cannot be altered, amended or withdrawn by the Proposer after the submittal deadline.
- E. Statement of Qualification Format: All Statements of Qualifications must be prepared in single-space type, on standard 8-1/2” x 11” vertically oriented pages, using one side of the paper only. Statements of Qualifications should be kept to a maximum length of 12 pages exclusive of the cover letter. Pages shall be numbered at the bottom. Entries shall be typed, or legibly written in ink. All Qualifications shall be mailed or hand delivered to Bastrop County. Any other format (via telephone, fax, email, etc.) shall be rejected by the County. Firms shall submit Appendix A, Appendix B and all required forms in addition to the statement of qualification.
- F. Validity Period: Once the submittal deadline has passed, any Statement of Qualification submitted shall constitute an irrevocable agreement to provide the commodities and/or services set forth in the Scope of Services on the terms set forth in the Statement of Qualification, such Statement of Qualification to be irrevocable until the earlier of the expiration of ninety (90) days from the submittal deadline, or until a contract has been awarded by the County.
- G. Taxpayer Identification: Selected proposer must provide the County with a current W-9 “Request for Taxpayer Identification and Certification” after an award of a contract and before goods or services can be procured from the proposer.
- H. Requirements: By submitting a Statement of Qualification, the respondent agrees to provide the County of Bastrop with the specified goods or services described in the solicitation in accordance with these standard terms and conditions and in compliance with the stated specifications and any subsequent addendums issued prior to the date of the Statement of Qualification opening.

6. Statement of Qualification Evaluation and Contract Award

- A. Statement of Qualification Evaluation and Contract Award Process: An award of a contract to provide the goods or services specified herein will be made using sealed Statements of Qualifications, in accordance with Chapter 2254 of the Texas Local Government Code and with the County’s purchasing policy. The County will evaluate all Statements of Qualifications to determine which proposers are the most highly qualified provider for the award of a contract, applying the anticipated evaluation factors and emphasis to be placed on each factor as identified

in the Scope of Services. The County will attempt to negotiate with that provider a contract at a fair and reasonable price. The County may, at its option, conduct discussions with or accept Statement of Qualification revisions from any reasonably qualified proposer. The County reserves the right to determine which proposer will be most advantageous to the County.

- B. Completeness: If the Statement of Qualification is incomplete or otherwise fails to conform to the requirements of the RFQ, County alone will determine whether the variance is so significant as to render the Statement of Qualification non-responsive, or whether the variance may be cured by the Proposer or waived by the County, such that the Statement of Qualification may be considered for award.
- C. Ambiguity: Any ambiguity in the Statement of Qualification as a result of omission, error, lack of clarity or non-compliance by the Proposer with specifications, instructions and all conditions shall be construed in the favor of the County. In the event of a conflict between these standard RFQ requirements and details provided in Appendix A – Scope of Services or Appendix B – Statement of Qualification, the Appendices shall prevail.
- D. Controlling Document: In the case of a discrepancy between this solicitation and the formal contract, the formal contract will prevail and control.
- E. Additional Information: County may request any other information necessary to determine Proposer’s ability to meet the minimum standards required by this RFQ.
- F. Partial Contract Award: County reserves the right to award one contract for some or all of the requirements proposed or award multiple contracts for various portions of the requirements to different Proposers, or to reject any and/or all Statements of Qualifications and re-solicit for Statements of Qualifications, as deemed to be in the best interest of County.
- G. Debarment: The selected proposer must **NOT** be debarred from any federal and/or state agency and Bastrop County will conduct a review of the proposer’s status on SAM.Gov. The Bastrop County Commissioners Court will make the final selection and award. The County has the right to reject any and/or all Responses.
- H. Right to Refuse Statement of Qualification: The County reserves the right to refuse any and/or all parts of any and or/all Qualifications and to waive formalities in the best interest of the County. Bastrop County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, and age or disability status in employment, procurement or provisions of service.
- I. Authority to Submit Statement of Qualification and Enter Contract: The person signing on behalf of Proposer certifies that the signer has authority to submit the Statement of Qualification on behalf of the Proposer and to bind the Proposer to any resulting contract.
- J. Interpretation of Solicitation Documents: The County is the final judge of the meaning of any word(s), sentences, paragraphs or other parts of the solicitation documents. Proposers are encouraged to seek clarification, before submitting a Statement of Qualification, of any portion of the Statement of Qualification documents that appears to be ambiguous, unclear, inconsistent, or otherwise in error. Clarifications will be in writing.
- K. Minor Irregularities: The County reserves the right to waive any minor irregularities that do not materially affect the scope or pricing of submitted Qualifications.
- L. Responsiveness of Qualifications: The County desires to receive competitive Qualifications, but will declare any Qualifications “non-responsive” if they fail to meet the significant requirements outlined in this solicitation document.
- M. Withdrawal of Qualifications: Proposers may withdraw any submitted Qualifications prior to the Statement of Qualification submission deadline. Proposers may not withdraw once the

Qualifications have been publicly opened, without the approval of the County's Purchasing Agent. However, once a Statement of Qualification has been withdrawn, it can no longer be considered.

- N. Disqualification of Proposer: The County may disqualify proposers, and their Statements of Qualifications not be considered, for any of the following reasons: Collusion among proposers; Proposer's default on an existing or previous contract with the County, including failure to deliver goods and/or services of the quality and price Statement of Qualification; Proposer's lack of financial stability; any factor concerning the proposer's inability to provide the quantity, quality, and timeliness of services or goods specified in the solicitation; proposer involved in a current or pending lawsuit with the County; proposer's attempt to influence the outcome of the solicitation through unauthorized contact with County officials outside of those listed in the solicitation documents; and proposer's attempt to offer gifts, gratuities, or bribes to any County employee or elected official in connection with a solicitation.
- O. Waiver of Formalities: County reserves the right to reschedule, extend, or cancel this RFQ at any time. County reserves the right to reject any or all responses, and to waive formalities or irregularities in connection with this RFQ and may consider submissions not made in compliance with this request for Qualifications if it elects to do so, to the extent permitted by law, although the County will have no obligation for such consideration.
- P. Solicitation Results: The County normally posts solicitation results on-line after Qualifications are received and approved in Commissioner's Court. The County's website is www.co.bastrop.tx.us. Results are on the Purchasing Solicitation page, in the same place as the original solicitation documents. Posted results are for informational purposes only, not a notice of award.

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Appendix A – Scope of Services

1. **Project Title:** Professional Engineering Services for GLO 2017 CDBG-DR funds

2. **Scope of Services Contact:**

Questions about the technical nature of the Scope of Services, etc. may be directed to Leon Scaife through e-mail at leon.scaife@co.bastrop.tx.us

3. **Scope of Services:**

Bastrop County has a need for professional engineering services to include the creation of project budget(s), complete BCA(s), development of scope(s) of work and draft specifications for the preparation of Bastrop County infrastructure projects and County drainage improvement project(s), the subsequent preliminary and final design plans and necessary interim and final inspections required by Bastrop County. The infrastructure projects are part of a grant from the General Land Office (GLO) under 2017 CDBG-DR.

Description of Services and Special Conditions. Respondents will be required to show the ability to provide all the Engineering services described below. Respondent shall then provide a detailed description of how they meet the requirement, describing their knowledge and experience, as well as providing discrete examples of previous work where applicable.

A. General Requirements

1. Coordinate, as necessary, between County and its service providers (i.e., Engineer, Environmental, Contracted Construction Company, Grant Administrator, etc.) and GLO regarding project services.
2. Provide monthly project status updates; and,
3. Funding release will be based on deliverables identified in the contract.

B. Initial Engineering and Design Support. Respondents will be required to show the ability to provide all the Engineering services described below:

1. Provide all project information necessary to ensure timely execution of the environmental review.
2. Provide preliminary engineering, investigations, and drawings sufficient to achieve the preliminary design milestone, including at a minimum:
 - a. Cross sections/elevations with respect to:
 - i. Project layout/staging areas
 - ii. General notes
 - iii. Special notes
 - iv. Design details
 - v. Specifications
 - vi. Utility relocation designs
 - vii. Construction limits, including environmentally sensitive areas that should be avoided during construction
 - viii. Required permits
 - ix. Quantities
 - x. Estimate of construction costs to within +/- 25%
 - xi. Schedules for design, permitting, acquisition and construction
 - xii. Design surveying, topographic and utility mapping.
 - b. Perform subsurface explorations for project sites, as necessary.
3. Prepare horizontal alignments/layouts for all proposed project alternatives necessary to fully describe the project scope, anticipated limitations, and potential project impacts.
4. Recommend value engineering options (alternative design, construction methods, procurement, etc.)

- that may improve efficiency, expedite the schedule, or reduce project costs for the County.
5. Identify, acquire and submit all necessary permits and approvals required for design approval and construction.
 6. Submit all necessary deliverables to the appropriate entity for review and comment. Adjust project and/or design to satisfactorily address any comments, as necessary.
 7. Prepare plans and profiles, including vertical design information for the selected alternative.
 8. Identify and address potential obstacles to project implementation (i.e., pipelines, easements, permitting, environmental, etc.) prior to moving forward with the final design.
 9. Support County with acquisition or property/servitudes/right-of-way documentation as required by the County facilitate the project, preparing right of way surveys and/or property boundary maps and legal descriptions of parcels to be acquired.
 10. Provide project schedules from cradle to grave in MS Project format or equal as approved by the County based on GLO guidance.

C. Engineering and Final Design Support. Respondents will be required to show the ability to provide all the Engineering services described below as they relate to final design support:

1. Prepare plans and profiles, including necessary design information for the selected alternative sufficient to achieve all detailed design milestones. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Cross sections/elevations.
 - b. Project layout/staging areas.
 - c. General notes.
 - d. Special notes.
 - e. Design details.
 - f. Specifications.
 - g. Utility relocation designs; and,
 - h. Construction limits, including environmentally sensitive areas that should be avoided during construction:
 - i. Required permits
 - j. Quantities
 - k. Estimate of construction costs to within +/- 20%
- l. Schedules for design, permitting, acquisition and construction
 - i. Provide information to appropriate individuals for the development of environmental fund release reports and floodplain maps.
 - ii. Identify, acquire and submit all necessary permits and approvals required for design approval and construction.
 - iii. Provide hard copy, if necessary, reproducible plan drawings and bid documents, in addition to electronic copies to the County, upon design completion, and as requested during design. Electronic copies should be in the native format (AutoCAD DWG) along with PDF packages and should contain all corresponding references, databases, or files associated with the completed design documents.
 - iv. Assist the County and any service provider related to the project with all necessary documentation to ensure compliance with all Program requirements and regulations.

D. Bid and Award Support. Respondents will be required to show the ability to provide all the engineering services described below as they relate to bid and award support.

1. Submit appropriate items and support County in the development of complete bid package.
2. Prepare and assist County in the advertisements for bid solicitation.
3. Support development and issuance of bid-related documents necessary to complete bid process (e.g., bid proposal form, bid addenda and supporting documentation).
4. Attend and support County at pre-bid conference and bid opening.
5. Support County with ongoing communication during bid process.
6. Support County to complete bid tabulation and evaluation of responses and provide

- recommendation for award.
7. Support County to negotiate and finalize contract documents, including issuance of the Notice to Proceed, in accordance with program and County requirements.
 8. Support County in the conducting of a preconstruction conference.

E. Contract Management and Construction Oversight. Respondents will be required to show the ability to provide all the Engineering services described below as they relate to contract management and construction oversight.

1. Ensure delivery of County project in accordance with contract.
2. Provide ongoing Construction Oversight Reports detailing the status of construction for County project.
3. Review all service provider submittals to ensure compliance with construction contract documents and provide recommendations to County.
4. Provide periodic and final inspections and tests reports, as required for the project.
5. Provide on-site supervision and oversight of construction activities at a minimum on a bi-weekly basis or as directed by the GLO or County.
6. Review Construction Change Orders and provide recommendation to the County as to appropriate action.
7. Review invoice/draw requests and provide recommendation to the County as to appropriate action, in compliance with the construction contract documents.
8. Obtain independent cost estimates for validation purposes, as required.
9. Review and respond to requests for information/clarification.
10. Support the County with issue identification and claims resolutions.
11. Enter all requisite information into the GLO system of record in accordance with established policies and procedures.
12. Develop a final “as built” report of quantities, drawings, and specifications.
13. Issue to the County, for execution, a Certificate of Construction Completion within 30 days of final inspection approval.
14. Deliver “as-built” drawings to the County within 30 days of project completion.
15. Host and/or attend project coordination meetings in person, by phone, or by video conference, which may or may not fall during normal business hours.
16. Perform other contract management and construction oversight duties as required to ensure success of the County project.
17. Provide necessary certifications to regulatory agencies of project completion and compliance (ex. TCEQ).
18. Submit all final invoices within 60 days after contract or work order expiration.

F. Specialized Services. Respondents will be required to show the ability to provide all the Engineering services described below as they relate to specialized services.

1. Provide Geotechnical Investigations as may be required for a project.
2. Provide detailed surveying as may be required for a project.
3. Provide Site Specific Testing as may be required for a project.
4. Provide Archeological Studies as may be required for a project.
5. Provide Planning Studies as may be required for a project.
6. Provide Feasibility Studies as may be required for a project.
7. Provide Legal documentation for property and/or easements to be acquired (i.e., field notes, etc.).
8. Provide Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments as requested.

4. **Statement of Qualification Evaluation Factors:**

The County will determine, in its sole discretion, the Respondent or Respondents that are best qualified to perform the required services, based on the following criteria:

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EVALUATION CRITERIA

- 15 Clear understanding of the scope of work required for the project, with a work plan that will ensure achievement of the task objectives
- 30 Demonstrable recent successful firm experience in providing the services requested for similar CDBG projects
- 10 Timeframe for project start (When can the Engineer and Staff start work on this project).
- 20 Past experience with projects requiring compliance with Section 3 Requirements and any other relevant information that provides evidence of Respondent’s ability to successfully perform the Scope of Services required for this Project or to contribute to Respondent’s Section 3 Requirements.
- 15 List of key staff, to include their qualifications, experience and time commitment to this project.
- 10 References (minimum of 5 required by RFQ – Space provided in Appendix B, Page 14)

5. **Submittal Requirements:**

- Statement of Qualification shall not exceed 12 single sided pages. The page limitation does not include the submission of Appendix A, B or the required forms listed on Appendix B.
- Cover letter.
- Company Information: Provide a brief company background, including date founded, company size, locations, current client roster, etc.
- Project Implementation / Timeline:
- Project Statement: Describe the applicant's understanding of the goals and objectives, as well as the approach and philosophy regarding the project.
- Proposed Project Team Members: Include a description of the organization, an organizational chart, and the primary role and responsibility of each team member. Clearly designate the team leader for this project and the responsibilities of other contributing members.
- Individual Experience: Include information on the background (Educational and Work History) of key members and detail their specific contributions to past projects, as it relates to this project.
- Specific Project Experience: Provide examples of similar projects which were successfully executed.
- Quality Assurance: Provide agency quality assurance procedures and processes applied to ensure desired results.
- References: At least Five (5) client references, for similar projects completed within the past five years. Include the name, email address and telephone number of the contact person. List services provided to each client.
- Additional information may be provided to support proposer’s ability to complete this type of project.

6. **Key Events Schedule:**

Statement of Qualification Release Date	October 14, 2020
Deadline for Submittal of Written Questions	5 PM, October 22, 2020
Sealed Qualifications Due to and Opened by County	2PM, October 29, 2020
Anticipated Committee Evaluation Review Date	Week of November 2, 2020
Anticipated Award Date	November 2020

Appendix B – Statement of Qualification Verification

Submittal Checklist: (To determine validity of Statement of Qualification)

- _____ Appendix A (Pages 8 through 11) must be included in the Statement of Qualification submittal
- _____ Appendix B (Pages 12 through 20) must be included in the Statement of Qualification submittal
- _____ Appendix C - Conflict of Interest Form (CIQ Form) (Page 21) must be included in the Statement of Qualification submittal.
- _____ Appendix E - HB 89 Verification Form (Page 24) must be included in the Statement of Qualification submittal.

All Qualifications submitted to Bastrop County shall include this page with the submitted Statement of Qualification.

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Submittal Deadline:	2:00 P.M. (CST), OCTOBER 29, 2020		
Submit hard-copies to:	<u>MAIL:</u> Bastrop County Purchasing Department: Attn: Leon Scaife 804 Pecan Street Bastrop Texas, 78602		<u>HAND DELIVER:</u> Bastrop County Purchasing Department: Attn: Leon Scaife 803 Pine Street, Room 101 Bastrop Texas, 78602
	Proposer Information:		
Proposer's (Firm) Legal Name:			
Address:			
County, State & Zip			
Federal Employers Identification Number #			
Proposer's Point of Contact:			
Phone Number:		Fax Number:	
E-Mail Address:			
Proposer Authorization			
<p>I, the undersigned, have the authority to execute this Statement of Qualification in its entirety as submitted and enter into a contract on behalf of the Proposer.</p> <p>Printed Name and Position of Authorized Representative: _____</p> <p>Signature of Authorized Representative: _____</p> <p>Signed this _____ (day) of _____ (month), _____ (year)</p>			

Appendix B – Statement of Qualification (continued)

I. REQUIRED STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION INFORMATION. IN ORDER FOR A STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION TO BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE, AND TO BE EVALUATED FOR A CONTRACT AWARD BY THE COUNTY, PROPOSER MUST SUBMIT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. Proposed Products and/or Services

- A. Product or Service Description: Proposers should utilize this section to describe the technical aspects, capabilities, features and options of the product and/or service proposed in accordance with the required Scope of Services as identified in Appendix A. Promotional literature, brochures, or other technical information may be used.
- B. Additional Hardware Descriptions: Proposers should also include in this section a detailed description of what additional hardware and/or software, if any, would be required by the County in order to fully utilize the goods and/or services proposed.
- C. Project Schedule/Delivery Date: Proposer should review the project schedule provided in Appendix A and should list any issues that they foresee with this project schedule.

2. Cost of Proposed Products and/or Services

- A. Cost of Statement of Qualification: The cost of submitting Qualifications shall be borne by the proposer, and the County will not be liable for any costs incurred by a proposer responding to this solicitation.
- B. Pricing: Pricing will be negotiated with the selected Professional Engineering Firm and all pricing shall reflect the full Scope of Services defined herein, inclusive of all associated cost for delivery, labor, insurance, overhead, and profit.
- C. Firm Prices: Unless otherwise stated in the specifications, proposer's prices remain firm for 90 days from date of fee negotiations and acceptance and, upon award, remain in effect for the contract period specified in the solicitation.

3. Term of Contract

Any contract resulting from this RFQ shall be effective for the duration of any and all projects funded under the GLO 2017 CDBG-DR grant funds and until the closeout of any and all projects.

4. Proposer's Experience / Staff

- A. Project Team: Identify all members of the Proposer's team (including both team members and management) who will be providing any services proposed and include information which details their experience.
- B. Removal or Replacement of Staff: If an assigned staff person must be removed or replaced for any reason, the replacement person must be approved by County prior to joining the project.
- C. Business Establishment: State the number of years the Proposer's business has been established and operating. If Proposer's business has changed names or if the principals operating the business operate any similar businesses under different names, or have operated any other businesses or changed the legal status or form of the business within the last five (5) years, all names, of predecessor business names, affiliated entities, and previous business entities operated by the principals, if different than present, must be provided;

State the number of years of experience the business has and the number of employees the business has.

- D. Project Related Experience: All Qualifications must include detailed information that details the Proposer's experience and expertise in providing the requested services that demonstrates the Proposer's ability to logically plan and complete the requested project.
- E. Control of The Work: Proposer shall furnish all materials and perform work in reasonably close conformity with the scope of work referenced in Appendix A of this request for Statement of Qualification. Proposer must obtain written approval from Bastrop County before deviating from the scope of work provided in this request for Qualifications. Failure to promptly notify Bastrop County of any errors or concerns with the scope of work will constitute a waiver of all claims for misunderstandings or ambiguities that result from the errors, omissions, or discrepancies discovered.

5. References

Proposer shall provide Five (5) references where Proposer has performed similar to or the same types of services as described herein.

Reference #1:

Client / Company Name:	
Contact Name:	Contact Title:
Phone:	Email:
Date and Scope of Work Provided:	

Reference #2:

Client / Company Name:	
Contact Name:	Contact Title:
Phone:	Email:
Date and Scope of Work Provided:	

Reference #3:

Client / Company Name:	
Contact Name:	Contact Title:
Phone:	Email:
Date and Scope of Work Provided:	

Reference #4:

Client / Company Name:	
Contact Name:	Contact Title:
Phone:	Email:
Date and Scope of Work Provided:	

Reference #5:

Client / Company Name:	
Contact Name:	Contact Title:
Phone:	Email:
Date and Scope of Work Provided:	

6. Trade Secrets and/or Confidential Information

Trade Secrets and/or Confidential Information: This Statement of Qualification **(does) (does not)** contain trade secrets and/or confidential information. If applicable, describe such trade secrets and confidential information, and the basis for your assertion that such material qualifies for legal protection from disclosure.

7. Federal, State and/or Local Identification Information

- A. Centralized Master Bidders List registration number: _____.
- B. Prime contractor HUB / MWBE registration number: _____.
- C. An individual Proposer acting as a sole proprietor must also enter the Proposer’s Social Security Number: # _____-_____-_____.

II. CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS, EXCEPT WHERE PROPOSER MAKES SPECIFIC EXCEPTION IN THE SUBMITTED STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION, ANY CONTRACT RESULTING FROM THIS RFQ WILL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS, WHICH PROPOSER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES, AND TO WHICH PROPOSER AGREES BY SUBMITTING A STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION:

1. Standard Terms and Conditions

- A. Application: These standard terms and conditions shall apply to all County of Bastrop (hereafter “County” or “Owner”) solicitations and procurements, unless specifically accepted in the solicitation specifications.
- B. Legal Compliance: Proposer must comply with all Federal, State and Local laws, statutes, ordinances, regulations and standards in effect at the time of delivery of goods and services, and must maintain any and all required licenses and certificates required under the same laws, statutes, ordinances, regulations and standards for services and/or goods provided in response to this solicitation.
- C. Estimated Quantities: If the solicitation calls for unit pricing on specific items, the quantities described for each item are estimates only and not guaranteed amounts. The actual amount ordered over the contract period may be more or less than the estimate. Quantities represent the County’s best estimate, based on past history and anticipated purchases.
- D. Independent Contractor: Proposer agrees that Proposer and Proposer’s employees and agents have no employer-employee relationship with County. Proposer agrees that if Proposer is selected and awarded a contract, County shall not be responsible for the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) payments, Federal or State unemployment taxes, income tax withholding, Workers Compensation Insurance payments, or any other insurance payments, nor will County furnish any medical or retirement benefits or any paid vacation or sick leave.
- E. Assignments: The rights and duties awarded the successful Proposer shall not be assigned to another without the written consent of the Bastrop County Purchasing Agent. Such consent shall not relieve the assigner of liability in the event of default by the assignee.
- F. Liens: Proposer shall indemnify and save harmless the County against any and all liens and encumbrances for all labor, goods, and services which may be provided to the County by Proposer or Proposer’s vendor(s), and if the County requests, a proper release of all liens or satisfactory evidence of freedom from liens shall be delivered to the County.
- G. Gratuities/Bribes: Proposer certifies that no bribes in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise, were offered or given by the successful Proposer, or its agent or representative, to any County officer, employee or elected representative, with respect to this RFQ or any contract with the

County, and that if any such bribe is found to have been made this shall be grounds for voiding of the contract

- H. Financial Participation: Proposer certifies that it has not received compensation from the County to participate in preparing the specifications or RFQ on which the Statement of Qualification is based and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and/or payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
- I. Required Licenses: Proposer certifies that he/she holds all licenses required by the State of Texas for a provider of the goods and/or services described by the Scope of Services herein.
- J. Discrepancies and Errors: In the case of a discrepancy between the unit price and the extended total for a Statement of Qualification item, the unit price will prevail. The unit prices of Qualifications that have been opened may not be changed for the purpose of correcting an error in the Statement of Qualification price.
- K. Outstanding Liabilities: Proposers shall not have outstanding, unpaid liabilities owed to the County. Liabilities may include, but are not limited to, property taxes, hotel occupancy taxes, and license or permit fees. Qualifications will be considered non-responsive and not given further consideration if submitted by a proposer with such outstanding liabilities.
- L. Offset: The County may, at its option, offset any amounts due and payable under contract award under this solicitation against any debt lawfully due the County from a vendor, whether or not the amount due arises pursuant to the terms of the contract and whether or not the debt has been reduced to judgment by a court.
- M. Governing Law and Venue: All Qualifications submitted in response to this solicitation and any resulting contract shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws and court decisions of the State of Texas. Any legal or equitable actions arising from this request for Qualifications or any resulting contract shall be brought before an appropriate court located in Bastrop County.
- Q. Termination for Cause: The occurrence of any one or more of the following events will justify termination of an awarded contract by the County for cause:
 - i) The successful proposer fails to perform in accordance with the provisions of these specifications; or
 - ii) The successful proposer violates any of the provisions of these specifications; or
 - iii) The successful proposer disregards laws or regulations of any public body having jurisdiction; or
 - iv) The successful proposer transfers, assigns, or conveys any or all of its obligations or duties under the contract to another without written consent of the County.
 - v) If one or more of the events identified in Subparagraphs I (i) through (iv) occurs, the County may, terminate the contract by giving the successful proposer seven (7) Calendar days written notice. In such case, the successful proposer shall only be entitled to receive payment for goods and services provided before the effective date of termination. The successful proposer shall not receive any payment on account of loss of anticipated profits or revenue or other economic loss resulting from such termination.
 - vi) When the contract has been so terminated by the County, such termination shall not affect any rights or remedies of the County then existing or which may thereafter accrue.

A "Termination for Cause" clause will be added to selected proposers contract with Bastrop County.

- R. Termination for Convenience: An awarded contract may be cancelled or terminated at any time by giving vendor thirty (30) days written notice. Vendor may be entitled to payment for services actually performed; to the extent said services are satisfactory.

A "Termination for Convenience" clause will be added to selected proposers contract with Bastrop County.

- J. Mediation: When mediation is acceptable to both parties in resolving a dispute arising under this Agreement, the parties agree to use a mutually agreed upon mediator, or a person appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction, for mediation as described in Section 154.023 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. Unless both parties are satisfied with the result of the mediation, the mediation will not constitute a final and binding resolution of the dispute. All communications within the scope of the mediation shall remain confidential as described in §154.073 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, unless both parties agree, in writing, to waive the confidentiality.

- K. Force Majeure: To the extent that either party to this Contract shall be wholly or partially prevented from the performance within the term specified of any obligation or duty placed on such party by reason of or through strikes, stoppage of labor, riot, fire, flood, acts of war, insurrection, accident, order of any court, act of God, or specific cause reasonably beyond the party's control and not attributable to its neglect or nonfeasance, in such event, the time for the performance of such obligation or duty shall be suspended until such disability to perform is removed. Determination of force majeure shall rest solely with Bastrop County.

2. **Delivery of Products and/or Services**

- A. Payment Terms: Unless otherwise specified in the Scope of Services or otherwise agreed to in writing by Bastrop County, payment terms for the County are Net 30 days upon receipt of invoice after receipt of goods or services.
- B. Warranty of Products and Services: All products furnished under this contract shall be warranted to be merchantable and good quality and fit for the purposes intended as described in this Statement of Qualification, to the satisfaction of County and in accordance with the specifications, terms, and conditions of the Scope of Services, and all services performed shall be warranted to be of a good and workmanlike quality, in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other express written warranties provided.

3. **Financial Responsibility Provisions**

- A. Funding: State of Texas statutes prohibit the obligation and expenditure of public funds beyond the fiscal year for which a budget has been approved. Orders or other obligations that may arise beyond the end of the current fiscal year shall be subject to approval of budget funds.
- B. Taxes: The County is exempt from all federal excise taxes and all state and local sales and use taxes. If such taxes are listed on a proposer's invoice, they will not be paid.
- C. Insurance: The Proposer, consistent with its status as an independent contractor, shall carry, and shall require any of its subcontractors to carry, at least the following insurance in such form, with such companies, and in such amounts (unless otherwise specified) as County may require:
- i. Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability insurance, including All States Endorsement, to the extent required by federal law and complying with the laws of the

State of Texas;

- ii. Commercial General Liability insurance, including Blanket Contractual Liability, Broad Form Property Damage, Personal Injury, Completed Operations/Products Liability, Premises Liability, Medical Payments, Interest of Employees as additional insureds, and Broad Form General Liability Endorsements, for at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) Combined Single Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage on an occurrence basis;
- iii. Comprehensive Automobile Liability insurance covering all owned, non-owned or hired automobiles to be used by the Contractor, with coverage for at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) Combined Single Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage.

4. Indemnification

Proposer agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County of Bastrop, all of its officers, agents, employees, appointees and volunteers from and against all claims, actions, suits, demands, proceedings, costs, damages and liabilities, including reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, related expenses for personal injury (including death), property damage or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, suffered by any person or persons, that may arise out of or be occasioned by proposer's breach of any of the terms or provisions of any contract awarded as a result of this solicitation, or by any negligent or strictly liable act or omission of the proposer, its officers, agents, employees, or subcontractors, in the performance of an awarded contract; except that the indemnity provided for in this paragraph shall not apply to any liability resulting from the sole negligence or fault of the County, its officers, agents or employees, and in the event of joint and concurrent negligence or fault of the proposer and County, responsibility and indemnity, if any, shall be apportioned comparatively in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without waiving any governmental immunity available to the County under Texas law and without waiving any defenses of the parties under Texas law. The provisions of this paragraph are solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and are not intended to create or grant any rights, contractual or otherwise, to any other person or entity.

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IN SUBMITTING A RESPONSE TO THIS RFQ, THE RESPONDENT AGREES THAT IT WAIVES ANY CLAIMS IT HAS OR MAY HAVE AGAINST THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY'S EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY'S GOVERNING BODY IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING OUT OF THIS RFQ, INCLUDING, THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE RFQ, THE BASIS FOR SELECTION, THE EVALUATIONS OF THE RESPONSES, THE METHOD USED FOR SELECTION, AND ANY DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION REGARDING THE RESPONSES OR EVALUATIONS. THE SUBMISSION OF A STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION CONSTITUTES THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE RESPONDENT OF THE EVALUATION TECHNIQUE DESCRIBED IN THIS RFQ.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS:

Authorized Signatory for Contractor:

Name of Company:

Date:

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE
For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

FORM CIQ

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.
 This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).
 By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.
 A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

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Date Received

1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2 **Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.** (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.

 Name of Officer

4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

Yes No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes No

5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.

6 Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

7

 Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

 Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
- or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

- (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
- (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
- (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

APPENDIX D

Implementation of House Bill 1295

Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295):

In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted [House Bill 1295](#), which added [section 2252.908](#) of the Government Code. The law states that a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency.

The law applies (with a few exceptions) only to a contract between a business entity and a governmental entity or state agency that either (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed or (2) has a value of at least \$1 million. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016.

Changed or Amended Contracts:

Form 1295 is only required for a change made to an existing contract in certain circumstances: (1) if a Form 1295 was not filed for the existing contract, then a filing is only required if the changed contract either requires an action or vote by the governing body or the value of the changed contract is at least \$1 million; or (2) if a Form 1295 was filed for the existing contract, then another filing is only required for the changed contract if there is a change to the information disclosed in the Form 1295, the changed contract requires an action or vote by the governing body, or the value of the changed contract increases by at least \$1 million.

As required by law, the Commission adopted the Certificate of Interested Parties form (Form 1295) on October 5, 2015. The Commission also adopted rules ([Chapter 46](#)) to implement the law. The Commission does not have any additional authority to enforce or interpret [section 2252.908](#) of the Government Code.

Filing Process:

A business entity must use the [Form 1295 filing application](#) the Commission created to enter the required information on Form 1295 and print a copy of the completed form. Once entered into the filing application, the completed form will include a unique certification number, called a “certification of filing.”

An authorized agent of the business entity must sign the printed copy of the form affirming under the penalty of perjury that the completed form is true and correct.

The completed, printed, and signed Form 1295 bearing the unique certification of filing number must be filed with the governmental body or state agency with which the business entity is entering into the contract.

Acknowledgement by State Agency or Governmental Entity:

The governmental entity or state agency must acknowledge receipt of the filed Form 1295 with the certification of filing, using the Commission’s filing application, not later than the 30th day after the date the governing body or state agency receives the Form 1295. The Commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website within seven business days after the governmental entity or state agency acknowledges receipt of the form.

Changes to Form 1295

Changes to the law requiring certain businesses to file a Form 1295 are in effect for contracts entered into or amended on or after January 1, 2018. The changes exempt businesses from filing a Form 1295 for certain types of contracts and replace the need for a completed Form 1295 to be notarized. Instead, the person filing a 1295 needs to complete an “unsworn declaration.”

What type of contracts are exempt from the Form 1295 filing requirement under the amended law?

The amended law adds to the list of types of contract exempt from the Form 1295 filing requirement. A completed Form 1295 is not required for:

- A sponsored research contract of an institution of higher education;
- An interagency contract of a state agency or an institution of higher education;

- A contract related to health and human services if: o the value of the contract cannot be determined at the time the contract is executed; and o any qualified vendor is eligible for the contract;
- A contract with a publicly traded business entity, including a wholly owned subsidiary of the business entity;*
- A contract with an electric utility, as that term is defined by Section 31.002, Utilities Code;* or
- A contract with a gas utility, as that term is defined by Section 121.001, Utilities Code.*

The newly exempt contract types are marked with an asterisk.

Why do I need to include my date of birth and address when I sign Form 1295? Was this always the case?

In 2017, the legislature amended the law to require Form 1295 to include an “unsworn declaration” which includes, among other things, the date of birth and address of the authorized representative signing the form. The change in the law applies to contracts entered into, renewed, or amended on or after January 1, 2018. The unsworn declaration, including the date of birth and address of the signatory, replaces the notary requirement that applied to contracts entered into before January 1, 2018.

Will my date of birth and address appear on the TEC’s website when I file the form?

No. The TEC filing application does not capture the date of birth or street address of the signatory and it will not appear on forms that are filed using the TEC filing application. Although the TEC does not capture the date of birth and street address of the signatory, the contracting state agency or governmental agency will have a physical copy of the form that includes the date of birth and address of the signatory. The TEC cannot answer whether the contracting state agency or governmental agency may release such information. Questions regarding the Texas Public Information Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General. See also *Paxton v. City of Dall.*, No. 03-13-00546-CV, 2015 Tex. App. LEXIS 5228, at *10-11 (App.—Austin May 22, 2015) (mem. op.) (pet. denied) (available here).

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

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Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
 Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable)	
		Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is _____, and my date of birth is _____.

My address is _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.
(month) (year)

 Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
 (Declarant)

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

APPENDIX E

House Bill 89 VERIFICATION

I, _____, the undersigned representative of
_____ (hereafter referred to as company)

being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, after being duly sworn by the undersigned notary, do hereby depose and verify under oath that the company named-
above, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2270::

- 1. Does not boycott Israel currently; and
- 2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract the above-named
Company, business or individual with Bastrop County, Texas.

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

- 1. *“Boycott Israel” means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and*
- 2. *“Company” means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or any limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.*

DATE

SIGNATURE OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

ON THIS THE ____ day of _____, 20____, personally
appeared _____, the above-named
person, who after by me being duly sworn, did swear and confirm that the above
is true and correct.

NOTARY SEAL

NOTARY SIGNATURE

RESOLUTION

AN AMENDMENT TO A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BASTROP, TEXAS DATED APRIL 22, 2013 AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO IMPLEMENT A SECTION 3 PROGRAM, WHICH TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE, WILL PROVIDE JOB TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT, AND CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SECTION 3 BUSINESSES OF THE AREA IN WHICH THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TXCDBG) PROGRAM/PROJECT IS BEING CARRIED OUT.

WHEREAS; Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u), as amended, requires that Bastrop County ensure that training, employment and other economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance for housing and Community Development Programs shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be given to low- and very low- income persons, particularly those who are recipients of governmental assistance for housing, and to businesses that provide economic opportunities for these persons, and

WHEREAS; the County of Bastrop has been grant funded for various projects under the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), and

WHEREAS; the County of Bastrop is required to adopt a Section 3 Program as part of the requirements of the grant(s), and

WHEREAS; a Section 3 resident is defined as a public housing resident and/or a low to very-low income person who lives in an area where a CDBG assisted project is located, and

WHEREAS; a Section 3 business is defined as a business that has a Section 3 resident own at least 51 percent or more of the business or have at least 30 percent of the permanent, full-time employees of the business identified as Section 3 residents, and

WHEREAS; the County of Bastrop will strive to attain goals for compliance with Section 3 regulations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. The COMMISSIONERS' COURT has reviewed and hereby agrees to Implement the following steps, which, to the greatest extent feasible, will provide job training, employment and contracting opportunities for Section 3 residents and Section 3 businesses of the area in which the CDBG program/project is being carried out.
2. The COMMISSIONERS' COURT hereby agrees to strive to attain goals for compliance with Section 3 regulations by increasing opportunities for employment and contracting with Section 3 residents and businesses where feasible.
3. The COMMISSIONERS' COURT hereby agrees to assign duties related to implementation of this plan to the designated Section 504 and Equal

Opportunity/Fair Housing Officer.

4. The COMMISSIONERS COURT hereby delegates to the County Judge the authority to implement measures that comply with the Section 3 goals and to assign duties for carrying out these measures to County personnel and/or third party consultant(s).
5. The COMMISSIONERS' COURT hereby agrees that the County will Notify Section 3 residents and business concerns of potential new employment and contracting opportunities as they are triggered by CDBG grant awards through the use of: public notices; bidding advertisements and bid documents; local advertising media including public signage; and Including Section 3 clauses In all CDBG solicitations and contracts.
6. The COMMISSIONERS' COURT hereby agrees to maintain a list of those businesses that have identified themselves as Section 3 businesses for utilization in CDBG funded procurements, notify those businesses of pending contractual opportunities, and make this list available for general Grant Recipient procurement needs.
7. The COMMISSIONERS' COURT hereby agrees to maintain a list of those persons who have identified themselves as Section 3 residents and contact those persons when hiring/training opportunities are available through either the Grant Recipient or contractors.
8. The COMMISSIONERS' COURT hereby agrees to require that all Prime contractors and subcontractors on CDBG projects commit to this plan as part of their contract work; monitor the contractors' performance with respect to meeting Section 3 requirements, and require that they submit reports as may be required to the Bastrop County.
9. The COMMISSIONERS' COURT hereby agrees to submit reports as required by the CDBG program regarding contracting with Section 3 businesses and/or employment as they occur; and submit reports within 20 days of calendar year end which identify and quantify Section 3 businesses and employees.
10. The COMMISSIONERS' COURT hereby agrees to maintain records for the CDBG program, including copies of correspondence, memoranda, etc., which document all actions taken to comply with Section 3 regulations.
11. The COMMISSIONERS COURT hereby orders that the following procedures will be implemented to assure compliance with the intent of this Resolution:
 - a. The County Judge will appoint one or more county employees to coordinate the Section 3 responsibilities for compliance and monitoring of all Section 3 activities for CDBG Disaster Recovery Program funded projects. The County may also engage the services of third party consultants to assist.
 - b. Preference shall be awarded to Section 3 Business Concerns according to the following system:

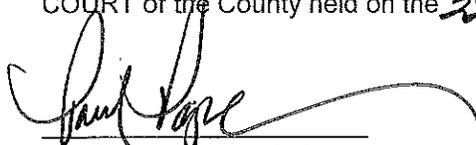
- 1) Where the Section 3 Covered Contract is to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, then to the extent permitted by applicable law, the contract, if awarded, shall be awarded to the qualified Section 3 Business Concern with the lowest bid, if it is reasonable and no more than 10 percent higher than the lowest bid from any qualified source. If no bid by a qualified Section 3 Business Concern is within 10 percent of the lowest bid from any qualified source, then any contract award shall be made to the source with the lowest bid.
 - 2) Where the Section 3 Covered Contract is to be awarded based on factors in addition to price, a request for proposals shall be issued by developing the particulars of the solicitation, including a rating system for the assignment of points to evaluate the merits of each response. The solicitation shall identify all factors to be considered, including price or cost. The rating system shall provide for a range of 15 to 25 percent of the total number of available rating points to be set aside for the award to respondents who have demonstrated a commitment to meet Section 3 requirements set out below in Section 11 c. If an award is made, the contract shall be awarded to the responsible firm whose proposal provides the best value to the County, considering price and all other factors specified in the rating system.
- c. In responding to a solicitation (Request for Bids, Request for Proposals, etc.) for a Section 3 covered contract, all contractors and subcontractors are required to comply with the Bastrop County Section 3 Plan. The contractor and the County will review the Section 3 Plan procedures and applicable forms that the contractor will use to report progress toward Section 3 goals. The Section 3 requirements also apply to contracts with consultants for a Section 3 covered contract.
 - d. All general contractors and/or sub-contractors shall set a goal that 30 percent of new hires will be Section 3 residents. Contractors should provide job opportunities for skilled and unskilled workers. All Contractors and Subcontractors will be required to post all new hire opportunities with the local Workforce Solutions Center, WorkinTexas.com, and Bastrop County.
 - e. Bastrop County will analyze and evaluate the contractor's compliance with requirements and obligations set forth in the contract. In the event that a review reveals a contractor has not complied with Section 3 requirements, the County will undertake efforts to help the contractor achieve compliance.
 - f. The contractor and or sub-contractor shall submit monthly

reports regarding the status of each Section 3 participant. An annual report will also be requested from each contractor and/or subcontractor in connection to the performance of each project. This Annual Report will document the efforts and success of all Section 3 participants and subcontractors working under the general contractor, in reaching the percentage goals for employment and business opportunities established in these policies.

- g. The contractor and/or subcontractor shall submit weekly-certified payroll reports to Bastrop County. This report shall be submitted weekly and clearly identify Section 3 Hires.
- h. Bastrop County or its consultant will conduct periodic site visits to the worksite. The Coordinator shall visibly notice each Section 3 hire on site. The general contractor will sign a monitoring form verifying that a Section 3 worker is present.
- i. Complaints regarding the County's Section 3 Program must be submitted in writing. All complaints must include the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a brief narrative detailing the complaint, including but not limited to, the date of the alleged violation and the date the alleged violation was discovered. Complaints shall be filed within 30 calendar days after the complainant becomes aware of any alleged violation. Bastrop County will investigate every complaint. All parties involved will have the opportunity to submit testimony and/or evidence as may be available and relevant to the complaint, and a written determination will be issued within 30 days after the filing of the complaint. Filing a complaint does not terminate a contractor's Section 3 requirements. Contractors remain accountable for fulfilling the agreed upon Section 3 requirements.

As officers and representatives of the County of Bastrop, we the undersigned have read and fully agree and become a party to the full implementation of this program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the COMMISSIONERS' COURT of the County held on the 22nd day of June 2015.


Paul Pape, County Judge

ATTEST:


Rose Pietsch, County Clerk

APPENDIX G

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR
NON-HOUSING PROJECTS
UNDER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

THE ****insert subrecipient name**** (the “Subrecipient”) and ****insert vendor name****, Tax Identification Number *** (“Provider”), each a “Party” and collectively, “the Parties,” enter into the following contract as of _____ for professional engineering services (the “Contract”) pursuant to the Professional Services Procurement Act, TEX. GOVT. CODE 2254 and 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

WHEREAS, the Subrecipient has received U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR”) funds, administered by the Texas General Land Office (“GLO”) for damage sustained from _____; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG-DR program is funded under the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-123.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree to the following terms and conditions:

I. DEFINITIONS / INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS / PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1.01 DEFINITIONS

“[Activity](#)” means a defined class of works or services authorized to be accomplished using CDBG-DR grant funds. Activities are specified in Subrecipient Budgets as ‘Category,’ and the terms are interchangeable under this Contract.

“[Administrative and Audit Regulations](#)” means the regulations included in Title 2, CFR, Part 200. Chapter 321 of the Texas Government Code; Subchapter F of Chapter 2155 of the Texas Government Code; and the requirements of Article VII herein. With regard to any federal funding, agencies with the necessary legal authority include: the relevant federal agency, the Comptroller General, the General Accounting Office, the Office of Inspector General, and any of their authorized representatives. In addition, state agencies and/or designees with the authority to audit and inspect include, the Subrecipient, the GLO, the GLO’s contracted examiners, the State Auditor’s Office, the Texas Attorney General’s Office and the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. “[Attachment](#)” means documents, terms, conditions, or additional information physically added to this Contract following the execution page, or incorporated by reference, as if physically.

“[Benchmark](#)” or “[Billing Milestone](#)” means a clearly defined set of incremental services that must be performed; or an interim level of accomplishment that must be met by Provider in order to receive periodic incremental and final reimbursement for services under this Contract.

“[CDBG—DR](#)” means the Community Development Block Grant—Disaster Recovery Program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in cooperation with the GLO.

“Certificate of Construction Completion” means a document submitted by an engineer or, if none, a construction contractor, to a Subrecipient which, when executed by the Subrecipient, indicates acceptance of the non-housing project, as built.

“Contract” means this entire document, along with any Attachments, both physical and incorporated by reference; and any Amendments, Revisions, or Technical Guidance Letters that may be issued by the GLO, to be incorporated by the GLO, to be incorporated by reference herein for all purposes as they are issued, if any.

“Contract Period” means the period of time between the effective date of a contract and its expiration or termination date.

“Deliverable” means a unit or increment of work to include, any item, report, data, document, photograph, or other submission required to be delivered under the terms of this Contract, in whatever form.

“Federal Assurances” means Standard Form 424B (Rev. 7-97) (non-construction projects); or Standard Form 424D (Rev. 7-97) (construction projects), in **Attachment A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.

“Federal Certifications” means U.S. Department of Commerce Form CD-512 (12-04), “Certifications Regarding Lobbying – Lower Tier Covered Transactions,” also in **Attachment A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.

“Fiscal Year” means the period beginning September 1 and ending August 31 each year, which is the annual accounting period for the State of Texas.

“GAAP” means “Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.”

“GASB” means the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

“General Affirmations” means the statements in **Attachment B**, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes, which Provider affirms by executing this Contract.

“GLO” means the Texas General Land Office, its officers, employees, and designees.

“HSP” means HUB Subcontracting Plan, as outlined by Chapter 2161 of the Texas Government Code.

“HUB” means Historically Underutilized Business, as defined by Chapter 2161 of the Texas Government Code.

“HUD” means the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

“Mentor Protégé” means the Comptroller of Public Accounts’ leadership program found at: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/mentorprotege/>

“Non-housing” refers to a project involving the restoration and/or repair of infrastructure facilities and the economic revitalization activities approved under a CDBG-DR program grant.

“Performance Statement” means Provider’s detailed project summary hereby incorporated for all purposes as **Attachment C**.

“Project” means the professional engineering services described in **SECTION 1.03** of this Contract and in any applicable Attachments.

[“Project Completion Report”](#) means a report containing an “as built” accounting of all projects completed under a CDBG-DR non-housing grant and containing all information required to completely close out a grant file.

[“Project Implementation Manual”](#) means a set of guidelines for the CDBG-DR Program, incorporated herein by reference for all purposes in its entirety.

[“Project Period”](#) means the stated time for completion of a Project assigned by Work Order, if any.

[“Prompt Pay Act”](#) means Chapter 2251, Subtitle F of Title 10 of the Texas Government Code.

[“Provider”](#) means ****insert vendor name****, selected to provide the services under this Contract, if any.

[“Public Information Act”](#) means Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.

[“Quarterly Report”](#) means a document submitted by Provider to a Subrecipient for approval and submission to the GLO as a condition of reimbursement, as discussed in **SECTION 1.05** and **ARTICLE III**, below.

[“RFQ”/“RFP”](#) means the Subrecipient’s Request for **Qualifications/Proposals**, or the Solicitation, as defined below.

[“Scope of Work”](#) means Provider’s detailed scope of work hereby incorporated for all purposes as **Attachment H**.

[“Solicitation”](#) means Subrecipient’s Request for **Qualifications/Proposals**, including any Addenda.

[“Solicitation Response”](#) means Provider’s full and complete response to the Solicitation, including any Addenda.

[“State of Texas TexTravel”](#) means Texas Administrative Code, Title 34, Part 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Section 5.22, relative to travel reimbursements under this Contract, if any.

[“Subcontractor”](#) means an individual or business that signs a contract to perform part or all of the obligations of Provider under this Contract.

[“Subrecipient”](#) means ****insert subrecipient name****, a local governmental body or political subdivision that receives funds under HUD’s CDBG—DR Program for non-housing projects.

[“Subrecipient Agreement”](#) means the contractual agreement for a CDBG-DR non-housing grant between the GLO and the Subrecipient for which Provider performs services assigned by the Subrecipient, if any.

[“Technical Guidance Letter or ‘TGL’”](#) means an instruction, clarification, or interpretation of the requirements of the CDBG-DR Program, issued by the GLO to specified recipients, applicable to specific subject matter, to which the addressed Program participants shall be subject.

1.02 INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS

- (a) The meanings of defined terms are equally applicable to the singular and plural forms of the defined terms.
- (b) The words “hereof,” “herein,” “hereunder,” and similar words refer to this Contract as a whole and not to any particular provision, section, attachment, work order, or schedule of this Contract unless otherwise specified.
- (c) The term “including” is not limiting and means “including without limitation” and, unless otherwise expressly provided in this Contract, (i) references to contracts (including this Contract) and other contractual instruments shall be deemed to include all subsequent amendments and other modifications thereto, but only to the extent that such amendments and other modifications are not prohibited by the terms of this Contract, and (ii) references to any statute or regulation are to be construed as including all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing, supplementing, or interpreting the statute or regulation;
- (d) The captions and headings of this Contract are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Contract.
- (e) All attachments within this Contract, including those incorporated by reference, and any amendments are considered part of the terms of this Contract.
- (f) This Contract may use several different limitations, regulations, or policies to regulate the same or similar matters. All such limitations, regulations, and policies are cumulative, and each shall be performed in accordance with its terms.
- (g) Unless otherwise expressly provided, reference to any action of the Subrecipient or by the Subrecipient by way of consent, approval, or waiver shall be deemed modified by the phrase “in its/their sole discretion.” Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any approval, consent, or waiver required by, or requested of, the Subrecipient shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- (h) Time is of the essence in this Contract.
- (i) In the event of conflicts or inconsistencies between this contract and its attachments, such conflicts or inconsistencies shall be resolved by reference to the documents in the following order of priority: Signed Contract; Attachments to the Contract: Attachment A, Attachment B, Attachment C, Attachment D, Attachment E, Attachment F, Attachment G and Attachment H. Solicitation Documents; and Provider’s Response to Solicitation.

1.03 PROJECT

Provider shall perform, or cause to be performed, professional engineering services as required for disaster recovery projects in the County of ***, ***, Texas, as authorized under GLO Contract No. **_***_***_*** (“Subrecipient’s Contract”), as

may be amended from time to time, and as outlined in detail in the Performance Statement, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as Attachment C (“the Project”).

Provider is responsible for obtaining Subrecipient’s most current performance statement and Implementation Schedule, Budget (“Subrecipient’s Documents”), and any other documentation which may be required to accomplish the Project that is the subject of this Work Order. Such documents are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety for all purposes.

No work may begin and no charges may be incurred prior to the effective date of Subrecipient’s Contract and/or Amendment, to which this Work Order is related, with the exception of assistance to Subrecipient in completing the grant application as necessary, and other pre-execution services authorized by prior, written approval of the GLO, if any. Subrecipient Documents may be obtained from the Subrecipient or the Subrecipient’s Grant Administrator, and their effective date and status as executed documents must be confirmed by Provider prior to commencement of any services.

1.04 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Provider shall assist the Subrecipient to timely submit all reports and documentation that are required under this Contract and any Subrecipient Agreement.

MONTHLY REPORTS – APPLICABLE TO NON-HOUSING AND HOUSING PROJECTS:

MONTHLY REPORTS ARE REQUIRED AS A CONDITION OF REIMBURSEMENT TO ALL SUBRECIPIENTS. It is incumbent upon Provider to facilitate the submission of each Monthly Report in a timely manner. Each Monthly Report shall include progress made since the prior reporting period, current Benchmarks achieved, projected quantities, problems encountered and detailed plans to correct them, goals to be accomplished in the subsequent reporting period, and any other information as may be required by the GLO.

The GLO may review the Monthly Report(s) and may request revisions to be made. Provider shall make itself aware of such revision requests and shall assist the Subrecipient in making appropriate revisions. Upon acceptance of the Monthly Report and submission of a properly prepared invoice, appropriate payment may be made to Subrecipient and to Provider.

Provider shall facilitate the timely submission to the GLO of such additional information by the Grant Recipient.

Reimbursement may be withheld if a Monthly Report is delinquent or deficient, in the sole discretion of the GLO.

Provider shall submit to the Subrecipient all reports, drawings, surveys, designs, and such other work products as required by the Scope of Services in **Attachment H** of this Work Order and Subrecipient's Contract, and in accordance with the Project Implementation Manual, and any Technical Guidance Letters or Revisions issued by the GLO, if any.

FINAL DOCUMENTATION: By the close of business no later than thirty (30) days after completion of a construction project, Provider shall submit to the Subrecipient and to Subrecipient's Grant Administration firm, if any, a copy of the executed Certificate of Construction Completion ("COCC") for the project which must include a final, **"as built"** report of quantities, drawings, and specifications used during the course of the project, with justification as to why any variances from original plans, approved pursuant to **SECTION 1.04(c)** of Provider's Contract, were required. **Notwithstanding the preceding** the GLO, in its sole discretion, may approve extensions to this Deliverable due date. Such approvals must be in writing, and may be delivered by regular mail, electronic mail, or facsimile transmission.

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TERM

2.01 DURATION

This Contract shall be effective as of the date of award and shall terminate after closing of project with GLO. Any extensions will be subject to terms and conditions mutually agreeable to both parties.

2.02 ABANDONMENT OR DEFAULT

If the Provider defaults on the Contract, the Subrecipient reserves the right to cancel the Contract without notice and either re-solicit or re-award the Contract to the next best responsive and responsible vendor qualified under the Solicitation. The defaulting provider will not be considered in the re-solicitation and may not be considered in future solicitations for the same type of work, unless the specification or scope of work significantly changed. The period of suspension will be determined by the Subrecipient based on the seriousness of the default.

2.03 TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT FOR CAUSE

If the Firm fails to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the Firm violates any of the covenants, conditions, agreements, or stipulations of this Agreement, the County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Firm of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, which shall be at least five days before the effective date of such termination. In the event of termination for cause, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs and reports prepared by the Firm pursuant to this Agreement shall, at the option of the County, be turned over to the County and become the property of the County. In the event of termination for cause, the Firm shall be entitled to receive reasonable compensation for any necessary services actually and satisfactorily performed prior to the date of termination.

Notwithstanding the above, the Firm shall not be relieved of liability to the County for damages sustained by the County by virtue of any breach of the Agreement by the Firm, and the County may set-off the damages it incurred as a result of the Firm's breach of the contract from any amounts it might otherwise owe the Firm.

2.04 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE COUNTY

County may at any time and for any reason terminate Contractor's services and work at County's convenience upon providing written notice to the Contractor specifying the extent of termination and the effective date. Upon receipt of such notice, Contractor shall, unless the notice directs otherwise, immediately discontinue the work and placing of orders for materials, facilities and supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

Upon such termination, Contractor shall be entitled to payment only as follows: (1) the actual cost of the work completed in conformity with this Agreement; plus, (2) such other costs actually incurred by Contractor as are permitted by the prime contract and approved by County (3) plus ten percent (10%) of the cost of the work referred to in subparagraph (1) above for overhead and profit. There shall be deducted from such sums as provided in this subparagraph the amount of any payments made to Contractor prior to the date of the termination of this Agreement. Contractor shall not be entitled to any claim or claim of lien against County for any additional compensation or damages in the event of such termination and payment.

2.05 CHANGES

The County may, from time to time, request changes in the services the Firm will perform under this Agreement. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Firm's compensation, must be agreed to by all parties and finalized through a signed, written amendment to this Agreement.

2.06 RESOLUTION OF PROGRAM NON-COMPLIANCE AND DISALLOWED COSTS

In the event of any dispute, claim, question, or disagreement arising from or relating to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, including determination of responsibility for any costs disallowed as a result of non-compliance with federal, state or TxCDBG-DR program requirements, the parties hereto shall use their best efforts to settle the dispute, claim, question or disagreement. To this effect, the parties shall consult and negotiate with each other in good faith within 30 days of receipt of a written notice of the dispute or invitation to negotiate and attempt to reach a just and equitable solution satisfactory to both parties. If the matter is not resolved by negotiation within 30 days of receipt of written notice or invitation to negotiate, the parties agree first to try in good faith to settle the matter by mediation administered by the American Arbitration Association under its Commercial Mediation Procedures before resorting to arbitration, litigation, or some other dispute resolution procedure. The parties may enter into a written amendment to this Amendment and choose a mediator that is not affiliated with the American Arbitration Association. The parties shall bear the costs of such mediation equally. [This section may also provide for the qualifications of the mediator(s), the locale of meetings, time limits, or any other item of concern to the parties.] If the matter is not resolved through such mediation within 60 days of the initiation of that procedure, either party may proceed to file suit.

2.07 PERSONNEL

- a. The Firm represents that he/she/it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required in performing the services under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the County.
- b. All of the services required hereunder will be performed by the Firm or under its supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under State and Local law to perform such services.
- c. None of the work or services covered by this Agreement shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of the County. Any work or services subcontracted hereunder shall be specified by written contract or agreement and shall be subject to each provision of this Agreement.

2.08 ASSIGNABILITY

The Firm shall not assign any interest on this Agreement, and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation), without the prior written consent of the County thereto; Provided, however, that claims for money by the Firm from the County under this Agreement may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such approval. Written notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the County.

2.09 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

The Firm, at such times and in such forms as the County may require, shall furnish the County such periodic reports as it may request pertaining to the work or services undertaken pursuant to this Agreement, the costs and obligations incurred or to be incurred in connection there with, and any other matters covered by this Agreement.

2.10 RECORDS AND AUDITS

The Firm shall insure that the County maintains fiscal records and supporting documentation for all expenditures of funds made under this contract in a manner that conforms to 2 CFR 200.300-.309, 24 CFR 570.490, and this Agreement. Such records must include data on the racial, ethnic, and gender characteristics of persons who are applicants for, participants in, or beneficiaries of the funds provided under this Agreement. The Firm and the County shall retain such records, and any supporting documentation, for the greater of three years from closeout of the Agreement or the period required by other applicable laws and regulations.

2.11 FINDINGS CONFIDENTIAL

All of the reports, information, data, etc., prepared or assembled by the Firm under this contract are confidential and the Firm agrees that they shall not be made available to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the County.

2.12 COPYRIGHT

No report, maps, or other documents produced in whole or in part under this Agreement shall be the subject of an application for copyright by or on behalf of the Firm.

2.13 COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL LAWS

The Firm shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances and codes of the State and local governments, and the Firm shall save the County harmless with respect to any damages arising from any tort done in performing any of the work embraced by this Agreement.

2.14 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- a. Governing Body. No member of the governing body of the County and no other officer, employee, or agent of the County, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with administration, construction, engineering, or implementation of CDBG-DR award between GLO and the County, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Firm or this Agreement; and the Firm shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.
- b. Other Local Public Officials. No other public official, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the planning and carrying out of administration, construction, engineering or implementation of the CDBG-DR award between GLO and the County, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Firm or this Agreement; and the Firm shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.
- c. The Firm and Employees. The Firm warrants and represents that it has no conflict of interest associated with the CDBG-DR award between GLO and the County or this Agreement. The Firm further warrants and represents that it shall not acquire an interest, direct or indirect, in any geographic area that may benefit from the CDBG-DR award between GLO and the County or in any business, entity, organization or person that may benefit from the award. The Firm further agrees that it will not employ an individual with a conflict of interest as described herein.

2.15 DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (EXECUTIVE ORDERS 12549 AND 12689)

The Firm certifies, by entering into this Agreement, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federally assisted programs under Executive Orders 12549 (1986) and 12689 (1989). The term "principal" for purposes of this Agreement is defined as an officer, director, owner, partner, key employee, or other person with primary management or supervisory responsibilities, or a person who has a critical influence on or substantive control over the operations of the Firm. The Firm understands that it must not make any award or permit any award (or contract) at any tier to any party which is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension."

2.16 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE (APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS OVER \$10,000).

- The Firm will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Firm will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Firm agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- The Firm will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Firm, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

- The Firm will not discourage or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.
- The Firm will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Firm's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- The Firm will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, "Equal Employment Opportunity," and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- The Firm will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- In the event of the Firm's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Firm may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- The Firm will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph
 - (a) and the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (h) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.
 - (b) The Firm will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, That in the event a Firm becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the Firm may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

2.17 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

2.18 SECTION 109 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF

1974

The Firm shall comply with the provisions of Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. No person in the United States shall on the ground of race, color, national origin, religion, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this title.

2.19 SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, AS AMENDED

The Firm agrees that no otherwise qualified individual with disabilities shall, solely by reason of his/her disability, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination, including discrimination in employment, under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

2.20 AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 1975

The Firm shall comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 which provides that no person in the United States shall on the basis of age be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

2.21 BYRD ANTI-LOBBING AMENDMENT (31 U.S.C. 1352) (IF CONTRACT GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO \$100,000)

The Firm certifies that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining this contract. The Firm shall disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award.

2.22 EXTENT OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement, which includes Parts I-VIII, and Attachments A-G represents the entire and integrated agreement between the County and the Firm and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by authorized representatives of both County and the Firm.

III

CONSIDERATION

3.01 CONTRACT LIMIT, FEES, AND EXPENSES

The application will be completed at \$ _____ amount.

Provider will be compensated on a negotiated fee basis, for a not to exceed amount of **** DOLLARS (\$***.**), reimbursable in increments as shown in the

Benchmarks in **Attachment C** for the type of work to be performed. The Professional Engineering Services Fee shall not exceed the maximum amount available for such services as prescribed by the Subrecipient Agreement, the GLO, HUD or any governing law, for the term of this Contract. The Subrecipient agrees to pay Provider in accordance with The Prompt Pay Act, Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 2251.

Grant funds must not be commingled between or among HUD funding rounds, nor between or among Non-Housing and Housing assignments.

Reimbursement for services may be requested based on the Benchmarks, according to the type of services authorized, contingent upon Provider's facilitation of the timely submission of each Monthly Report required, as discussed in **SECTION 1.04** above.

At a minimum, invoices must clearly reflect:

- (a) Provider's Contract Number.
- (b) Service Period
- (c) the name and GLO Contract Number (12 digits) of the Subrecipient Agreement to which services have been provided.
- (d) the current amount being billed.
- (e) the cumulative amount billed previously.
- (f) the balance remaining to be billed; and
- (g) an itemized statement of services performed, including documentation as required under the Contract, such as invoices, receipts, statements, stubs, tickets, time sheets, and any other which, in the judgment of the Subrecipient, provides full substantiation of reimbursable costs incurred.

Subject to the maximum Contract amount authorized herein, upon specific, prior, written approval by the Subrecipient, lodging, travel, and other incidental direct expenses may be reimbursed under this Contract for professional or technical personnel who are (a) away from the cities in which they are permanently assigned; (b) conducting business specifically authorized by the Subrecipient; and (c) performing services not originally contemplated in the Scope of Services.

NOTICE TO PROVIDER:

Failure to include all the information required in **SECTION 3.01** with each invoice may result in a significant delay in processing payment for the invoice.

Not-To-Exceed Draw Percentages	
Milestones	Engineering Funds
Engineering Contract Executed	30%
100% Design Approval	60%
Bid Advertisement	70%
Construction Notice to Proceed	85%
As-Built Plans/COCC/FWCR	100%

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IV.

PROVIDER'S WARRANTY, AFFIRMATIONS, AND ASSURANCES

4.01 PERFORMANCE WARRANTY

Provider represents that all services performed under this Contract will be performed in a manner consistent with a degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the same profession currently practicing under similar circumstances. Provider represents that all work product, including Deliverables if any, under this Contract shall be completed in a manner consistent with standards in the applicable trade, profession, or industry; shall conform to or exceed the specifications set forth in the incorporated Attachments (if any); and shall be fit for ordinary use, of good quality, and with no material defects. If Provider fails to submit Deliverables timely or to perform satisfactorily under conditions required by this Contract, the Subrecipient may require Provider, at its sole expense, to the extent such defect or damage is caused by the negligence of Provider, to (a) repair or replace all defective or damaged Deliverables; (b) refund any payment received for all defective or damaged Deliverables and, in conjunction therewith, require Provider to accept the return of such Deliverables; and/or (c) take necessary action so that future performance and Deliverables conform to the Contract requirements.

4.02 GENERAL AFFIRMATIONS

To the extent that they are applicable, Provider further certifies that the General Affirmations in **Attachment B** have been reviewed, and that Provider is in compliance with each of the requirements reflected therein.

4.03 FEDERAL ASSURANCES

To the extent that they are applicable, Provider further certifies that the Federal Assurances in **Attachment A** have been reviewed and that Provider is in compliance with each of the requirements reflected therein. The Federal Assurance form must be executed by Provider's authorized signatory.

4.04 FEDERAL CERTIFICATIONS

To the extent that they are applicable, Provider further certifies that the Federal Certifications also in **Attachment A** have been reviewed, and that Provider is in compliance with each of the requirements reflected therein. The Federal Certifications form must be executed by Provider's authorized signatory.

In addition, Provider certifies that it is in compliance with any other applicable federal laws, rules, or regulations, as they may pertain to this Contract including, but not limited to, those listed in Attachment D.

V. FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING, RECAPTURE OF FUNDS, AND OVERPAYMENT

5.01 FEDERAL FUNDING

- (a) Funding for this Contract is appropriated under the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-123 enacted on February 9, 2018, to facilitate disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, mitigation in the "most impacted and distressed" areas, and to affirmatively further fair housing in accordance with Executive Order 12892, in areas affected by the 2017 Floods, which are Presidentially-declared major disaster areas under Title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.). The fulfillment of this Contract is based on those funds being made available to the GLO as the lead administrative state agency. All expenditures under this Contract must be made in accordance with this Contract, the rules and regulations promulgated under the CDBG-DR Program, and any other applicable laws. Further, Provider acknowledges that all funds are subject to recapture and repayment for non-compliance.
- (b) **All participants in the CDBG-DR grant program must have a data universal numbering system (DUNS) number, as well as a Commercial And Government Entity (CAGE) Code.**
- (c) **The DUNS number and CAGE Code must be reported to the GLO for use in various grant reporting documents, and may be obtained by visiting the Central Contractor Registration web site at:**

<https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/>

Assistance with this web site may be obtained by calling **866-606-8220**.

5.02 STATE FUNDING

- (a) This Contract shall not be construed as creating any debt on behalf of the State of Texas and/or the GLO in violation of Article III, Section 49, of the Texas Constitution. In compliance with Article VIII, Section 6 of the Texas Constitution, it is understood that all obligations of the GLO hereunder are subject to the availability of state funds. If such funds are not appropriated or become unavailable, the Subrecipient, in its sole discretion, may terminate this Contract. In that event, the parties shall be discharged from further obligations, subject to the equitable settlement of their respective interests, accrued up to the date of termination.
- (b) Furthermore, any claim by Provider for damages under this Contract may not exceed the amount of funds appropriated for payment, but not yet paid to Provider, under the annual budget in effect at the time of the breach. Nothing in this provision shall be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity.

5.03 RECAPTURE OF FUNDS

Provider shall conduct, in a satisfactory manner as determined by the Subrecipient, the Project as set forth in the Contract. The discretionary right of the Subrecipient to terminate for convenience under **SECTION 2.02** notwithstanding, it is expressly understood and

agreed by Provider that the Subrecipient shall have the right to terminate the Contract and to recapture, and be reimbursed for any payments made by the Subrecipient (i) that exceed the maximum allowable HUD rate; (ii) that are not allowed under applicable laws, rules, and regulations; or (iii) that are otherwise inconsistent with this Contract, including any unapproved expenditures.

5.04 OVERPAYMENT

Provider understands and agrees that it shall be liable to the Subrecipient or the GLO for any costs disallowed pursuant to financial and/or compliance audit(s) of funds received under this Contract. Provider further understands and agrees that reimbursement of such disallowed costs shall be paid by Provider from funds which were not provided or otherwise made available to Provider under this Contract.

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OWNERSHIP

6.01 OWNERSHIP AND THIRD-PARTY RELIANCE

- (a) The Subrecipient shall own, and Provider hereby assigns to the GLO, all right, title, and interest in all services to be performed; all goods to be delivered; and/or all other related work product prepared, or in the course of preparation, by Provider (or its subcontractors) pursuant to this Contract, together with all related worldwide intellectual property rights of any kind or character (collectively, the “Work Product”). Under no circumstance will any license fee, royalty, or other consideration not specified in this Contract be due to Provider for the assignment of the Work Product to the GLO or for the GLO’s use and quiet enjoyment of the Work Product in perpetuity. Provider shall promptly submit all Work Product to the GLO upon request or upon completion, termination, or cancellation of this Contract for any reason, including all copies in any form or medium.

- (b) Provider and the Subrecipient shall not use, willingly allow, or cause such Work Product to be used for any purpose other than performance of Provider’s obligations under this Contract without the prior written consent of either party or the GLO. Work Product is for the exclusive use and benefit of and may be relied upon only by the Parties. Prior to distributing any Work Product to any third party, other than the GLO, the parties shall advise such third parties that if it relies upon or uses such Work Product, it does so entirely at its own risk without liability to the GLO, Provider, or the Subrecipient.

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RECORDS, AUDIT, RETENTION, CONFIDENTIALITY, PUBLIC RECORDS

7.01 BOOKS AND RECORDS

Provider shall keep and maintain under GAAP or GASB, as applicable, full, true, and complete records necessary to fully disclose to the Subrecipient, the GLO, the State of Texas Auditor's Office, the United States Government, and/or their authorized representatives sufficient information to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of this Contract and all state and federal rules, regulations, and statutes.

7.02 INSPECTION AND AUDIT

- (a) Provider agrees that all relevant records related to this Contract and any Work Product produced in relation to this Contract, including the records and Work Product of its Subcontractors, shall be subject to the Administrative and Audit Regulations. Accordingly, such records and Work Product shall be subject, at any time, to inspection, examination, audit, and copying at any location where such records and Work Product may be found, with or without notice from the Subrecipient, the GLO, HUD, or other government entity with necessary legal authority. Provider agrees to cooperate fully with any federal or state entity in the conduct of inspection, examination, audit, and copying, including providing all information requested. Provider will ensure that this clause concerning federal and state entities' authority to inspect, examine, audit, and copy records and Work Product, and the requirement to fully cooperate with the federal and state entities, is included in any subcontract it awards.
- (b) Provider understands that acceptance of state funds under this Contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor's Office to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Provider further agrees to cooperate fully with the State Auditor's Office in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. Provider will ensure that this clause concerning the State Auditor's Office's authority to audit state funds and the requirement to fully cooperate with the State Auditor's Office is included in any subcontracts it awards. Additionally, the State Auditor's Office shall at any time have access to and the rights to examine, audit, excerpt, and transcribe any pertinent books, documents, working papers, and records of Provider relating to the Contract for any purpose. HUD, the Comptroller General, the General Accounting Office, the Office of Inspector General, or any authorized representative of the U.S. Government shall also have this right of inspection. **PROVIDER SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL SUBCONTRACTS AWARDED REFLECT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION 7.02, AND THE REQUIREMENT TO COOPERATE.**
- (c) Provider will be deemed to have read and have knowledge of all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and rules including, but not limited to those identified in **Attachment D**, governing audit requirements pertaining to the Project.

7.03 PERIOD OF RETENTION

All records relevant to this Contract shall be retained for a period subsequent to the final closeout of the State of Texas CDBG-DR grant program, in accordance with federal regulations. **The Subrecipient will notify all Program participants of the date upon which local records may be destroyed.**

7.04 CONFIDENTIALITY

To the extent permitted by law, Provider and the Subrecipient agree to keep all information confidential, in whatever form produced, prepared, observed, or received by Provider or the Subrecipient to the extent that such information is: (a) confidential by law; (b) marked or designated “confidential” (or words to that effect) by Provider or the Subrecipient; or (c) information that Provider or the Subrecipient is otherwise required to keep confidential by this Contract. Furthermore, Provider will not advertise that it is doing business with the Subrecipient, use this Contract as a marketing or sales tool, or make any press releases concerning work under this Contract without the prior written consent of the Subrecipient.

7.05 PUBLIC RECORDS

Information related to the performance of this Contract may be subject to the Public Information Act (“PIA”) and will be withheld from public disclosure or released only in accordance therewith. Provider shall make any information required under the PIA available to the Subrecipient in portable document file (“.pdf”) format or any other format agreed between the Parties. Failure of Provider to mark as “confidential” or a “trade secret” any information that it believes to be excepted from disclosure waives any and all claims Provider may make against the Subrecipient for releasing such information without prior notice to Provider. Provider shall notify the Subrecipient within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of any third party written requests for information and forward a copy of said written requests to the Subrecipient. If the request was not written, Provider shall forward the third party's contact information to the Subrecipient.

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MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

8.01 INSURANCE

Provider shall acquire for the duration of this Contract insurance with financially sound and reputable insurers licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance, in the type and amount and in the form required by **Attachment E** of this Contract, **REQUIRED INSURANCE AND FORM**. Furthermore, Provider shall submit a certificate of liability insurance as required under this Contract, including (if requested) a schedule of coverage (or “underwriter’s schedules”) establishing to the satisfaction of the Subrecipient the nature and extent of coverage granted by each policy.

Provider shall submit certificates of insurance and endorsements electronically, in the manner requested by the Subrecipient. In the event that any policy is determined to be deficient to comply with the terms of this Contract, Provider shall secure such additional policies or coverage as the Subrecipient may reasonably request or that are required by law or regulation.

Provider will be responsible for submitting renewed certificates of insurance and endorsements, as evidence of insurance coverage throughout the term of this Contract. Provider may not be actively working on behalf of the Subrecipient if the insurance coverage does not adhere to insurance requirements. Failure to submit required insurance documents may result in the cancellation of this Contract.

8.02 TAXES/WORKERS’ COMPENSATION/UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

PROVIDER AGREES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CONTRACT, PROVIDER SHALL BE ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LIABILITY AND PAYMENT OF PROVIDER’S AND PROVIDER’S EMPLOYEES’ TAXES OF WHATEVER KIND, ARISING OUT OF THE PERFORMANCES IN THIS CONTRACT. PROVIDER AGREES TO COMPLY WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS APPLICABLE TO ANY SUCH PERSONS, INCLUDING LAWS REGARDING WAGES, TAXES, INSURANCE, AND WORKERS’ COMPENSATION. THE SUBRECIPIENT SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO THE PROVIDER, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR OTHERS FOR THE PAYMENT OF TAXES OR THE PROVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND/ OR WORKERS’ COMPENSATION OR ANY BENEFIT AVAILABLE TO A STATE EMPLOYEE OR EMPLOYEE OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY CUSTOMER. 2) PROVIDER AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE SUBRECIPIENT, THE GLO, THE STATE OF TEXAS AND/OR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, AND/OR ASSIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEYS’ FEES, AND EXPENSES, RELATING TO TAX LIABILITY, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND/OR WORKERS’ COMPENSATION IN ITS PERFORMANCE UNDER THIS CONTRACT. PROVIDER SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF DEFENSE INCLUDING ATTORNEYS’ FEES. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY PROVIDER WITH THE SUBRECIPIENT NAMED AS A DEFENDANT IN ANY LAWSUIT AND PROVIDER

MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE SUBRECIPIENT. PROVIDER AND THE SUBRECIPIENT AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

8.03 LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

Provider shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Contract any State, City, County, or Federal license, authorization, insurance, waiver, permit, qualification or certification required by statute, ordinance, law, or regulation to be held by Provider to provide the goods or services required by this Contract. Provider will be responsible for payment of all taxes, assessments, fees, premiums, permits, and licenses required by law. Provider agrees to be responsible for payment of any such government obligations not paid by its subcontractors during performance of this Contract.

8.04 INDEMNITY

EXCEPT FOR DAMAGES DIRECTLY OR PROXIMATELY CAUSED BY THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF THE SUBRECIPIENT OR THE GLO, PROVIDER SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE SUBRECIPIENT, THE STATE OF TEXAS, THE GLO, AND THE OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE SUBRECIPIENT, THE STATE OF TEXAS, AND THE GLO FROM ANY LOSSES, CLAIMS, SUITS, ACTIONS, DAMAGES, OR LIABILITY (INCLUDING ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES OF DEFENDING AGAINST ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED) ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH:

- ANY NEGLIGENCE, ACT, OMISSION, OR MISCONDUCT IN THE PROVIDER'S PERFORMANCE OF THE SERVICES REFERENCED HEREIN, OR
- ANY CLAIMS OR AMOUNTS ARISING OR RECOVERABLE UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAWS, THE TEXAS TORT CLAIMS ACT, OR ANY OTHER SUCH LAWS.

PROVIDER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF ITS EMPLOYEES, CUSTOMERS, AND INVITEES. THESE REQUIREMENTS SHALL SURVIVE THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT UNTIL ALL CLAIMS HAVE BEEN SETTLED OR RESOLVED AND SUITABLE EVIDENCE TO THAT EFFECT HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO THE SUBRECIPIENT.

8.05 ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS

Provider shall not assign, transfer, or delegate any rights, obligations, or duties under this Contract without the prior written consent of the Subrecipient. Notwithstanding this provision, it is mutually understood and agreed that Provider may subcontract with others for some or all of the services to be performed. In any approved subcontracts, Provider shall legally bind such subcontractor to perform and make such subcontractor subject to all the duties, requirements, and obligations of Provider as specified in this Contract. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to relieve Provider of the responsibility for ensuring that the goods

delivered and/or the services rendered by Provider and/or any of its subcontractors comply with all the terms and provisions of this Contract. Provider will provide written notification to the Subrecipient of any such subcontractor performing fifteen percent (15%) or more of the work under this Contract, including the name and taxpayer identification number of subcontractor, the task(s) being performed, and the number of subcontractor employees expected to work on the task.

8.06 RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

Provider is associated with the Subrecipient only for the purposes and to the extent specified in this Contract, and, with respect to Provider's performance pursuant to this Contract, Provider is and shall be an independent contractor and, subject only to the terms of this Contract, shall have the sole right to supervise, manage, operate, control, and direct performance of the details incident to its duties under this Contract. Nothing contained in this Contract shall be deemed or construed to create a partnership or joint venture, to create relationships of an employer-employee or principal-agent, or to otherwise create for the Subrecipient or the GLO any liability whatsoever with respect to the indebtedness, liabilities, and obligations of Provider or any other party. Provider shall be solely responsible for, and the Subrecipient shall have no obligation with respect to:

- (a) withholding of income taxes, FICA, or any other taxes or fees.
- (b) industrial or workers' compensation insurance coverage.
- (c) participation in any group insurance plans available to employees of the State of Texas.
- (d) participation or contributions by the State to the State Employees Retirement System.
- (e) accumulation of vacation leave or sick leave; or
- (f) unemployment compensation coverage provided by the State.

8.07 COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS

In the performance of this Contract, Provider shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations. Provider shall make itself familiar with and at all times shall observe and comply with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations that in any manner affect performance under this Contract including, but not limited to, those attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment D**. Provider will be deemed to have knowledge of all applicable laws and regulations and be deemed to understand them.

8.08 NOTICES

Any notices required under this Contract shall be deemed delivered when deposited either in the United States mail, postage paid, certified, return receipt requested; or with a common carrier, overnight, signature required, to the appropriate address below:

Subrecipient

Name*****

Address*****

City, State ZIP**

Attention: *****

Provider

Provider*****

Address*****

City, State ZIP**

Attention: *****

Notice given in any other manner shall be deemed effective only if and when received by the party to be notified. Either party may change its address for notice by written notice to the other party as herein provided.

8.10 GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This Contract and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed by, and construed according to, the laws of the State of Texas, exclusive of conflicts of law provisions. Venue of any suit between Subrecipient and Provider under this Contract shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in **the County of**, Texas. Provider irrevocably waives any objection, including any objection to personal jurisdiction or the laying of venue or based on the grounds of forum non conveniens, which it may now or hereafter have to the bringing of any action or proceeding in such jurisdiction in respect of this Contract or any document related hereto.

8.11 SEVERABILITY

If any provision contained in this Contract is held to be unenforceable by a court of law or equity, this Contract shall be construed as if such provision did not exist and the non-enforceability of such provision shall not be held to render any other provision or provisions of this Contract unenforceable.

8.12 FORCE MAJEURE

Except with respect to the obligation of payments under this Contract, if either of the parties, after a good faith effort, is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this Contract by reason of war; terrorism; rebellion; riots; strikes; acts of God; any valid order, rule, or regulation of governmental authority; or similar events that are beyond the control of the affected party (collectively referred to as a “Force Majeure”), then, while so prevented, the affected party’s obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended, and the affected party shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenant. In any such event, the party claiming Force Majeure shall promptly notify the other party of the Force Majeure event in writing and, if possible, such notice shall set forth the extent and duration thereof. The party claiming Force Majeure shall exercise due diligence to prevent, eliminate, or overcome such Force Majeure event where it is possible to do so and shall resume performance at the earliest possible date. However, if non-performance continues for more than thirty (30) days, the GLO may terminate this Contract immediately upon written notification to Provider.

8.13 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In the event of any dispute, claim, question, or disagreement arising from or relating to determining the party responsible for any disallowed costs as a result of noncompliance with federal, state, or program requirements, the parties hereto shall use their best efforts to settle the dispute, claim, question, or disagreement. To this effect, they shall consult and negotiate with each other in good faith and, recognizing their mutual interests, attempt to reach a just and equitable solution satisfactory to both parties.

If they do not reach such solution within a period of 60 days, then, upon notice by either party to the other, all disputes, claims, questions, or differences shall be submitted to mediation. Any mediation ruling shall become final and binding 60 days after being signed unless the parties agree in writing to submit the claim to another dispute resolution process or either party gives written notice of intent to submit the claim to a court of competent jurisdiction. If a mutually agreeable resolution cannot be reached through mediation within a period of 90 days, then either party may initiate the provisions above for resolution.

8.14 ENTIRE CONTRACT AND MODIFICATION

This Contract, its integrated Attachment(s), and any Technical Guidance issued in conjunction with this Contract, if any, constitute the entire agreement of the parties and are intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations, negotiations, discussions, and other agreements that may have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof. Any additional or conflicting terms in such Attachment(s), Technical Guidance Letter shall be harmonized with this Contract to the extent possible. Unless such integrated Attachment, Technical Guidance Letter, or Revision specifically displays a mutual intent to amend a particular part of this Contract, general conflicts in language shall be construed consistently with the terms of this Contract.

8.15 COUNTERPARTS

This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, and all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same Contract. If the Contract is not executed by the GLO within thirty (30) days of execution by the other party, this Contract shall be null and void. In the sole discretion of the GLO, Work Orders issued, if any, may be executed by the parties in counterparts exchanged by electronic mail.

8.16 THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY

The Parties agree that the GLO, as the administrator of the CDBG-DR program, is a third-party beneficiary to this Contract and that the GLO shall have the right to enforce any provision of this Contract. Provided, however, that GLO shall only enforce a provision Contract after notifying the Parties, in writing, of a potential breach or default of the Contract and allowing the Provider sixty (60) days to cure the breach or default. Venue of any suit under this Section 8.17 shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Bastrop County, Texas. Provider irrevocably waives any objection, including any objection to personal jurisdiction or the laying of venue or based on the grounds of forum non conveniens, which it may now or hereafter have to the bringing of any action or proceeding in such jurisdiction in respect of this Contract or any document related hereto. **NOTHING IN THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS A WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY THE GLO.**

8.17 PROPER AUTHORITY

Each party hereto represents and warrants that the person executing this Contract on its behalf has full power and authority to enter into this Contract. Provider acknowledges that this Contract is effective for the period of time specified in the Contract. Any services performed by Provider before this Contract is effective or after it ceases to be effective are performed at the sole risk of Provider.

8.18 REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR CONTRACTS USING FEDERAL FUNDS.

Attachment F

8.19 CERTIFICATE OF INTEREST PARTIES

Provider shall visit <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/1295/> and fill out Certificate of Interested Parties (FORM 1295) **Attachment G.**

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

Required Contract Provisions

2 CFR 200.326 Contract provisions. The non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards. The non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.

All Contracts

THRESHOLD	PROVISION	CITATION
>\$150,000 (Simplified Acquisition Threshold)	Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (A)
>\$10,000	All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be affected and the basis for settlement.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (B)
None	Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (F)
None	Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (H)
None	Records of non-Federal entities. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Inspectors General, the Comptroller General of the United States, the Texas General Land Office (GLO), and the pass-through entity, or any of their authorized representatives, must have the right of access to any documents, papers, or other records of the non-Federal entity which are pertinent to the Federal award, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to the non-Federal entity's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents.	2 CFR 200.336

None	<p>Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other non-Federal entity records pertinent to a Federal award must be retained for a period of three years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report or, for Federal awards that are renewed quarterly or annually, from the date of the submission of the quarterly or annual financial report, respectively, as reported to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity in the case of a subrecipient. Federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities must not impose any other record retention requirements upon non-Federal entities. The only exceptions are the following:</p> <p>(1) If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.</p> <p>(2) When the non-Federal entity is notified in writing by the Federal awarding agency, cognizant agency for audit, oversight agency for audit, cognizant agency for indirect costs, or pass-through entity to extend the retention period.</p> <p>(3) Records for real property and equipment acquired with Federal funds must be retained for 3 years after final disposition.</p> <p>(4) When records are transferred to or maintained by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, the 3-year retention requirement is not applicable to the non-Federal entity.</p> <p>(5) Records for program income transactions after the period of performance. In some cases, recipients must report program income after the period of performance. Where there is such a requirement, the retention period for the records pertaining to the earning of the program income starts from the end of the non-Federal entity's fiscal year in which the program income is earned.</p> <p>(6) Indirect cost rate proposals and cost allocations plans. This paragraph applies to the following types of documents and their supporting records: indirect cost rate computations or proposals, cost allocation plans, and any similar accounting computations of the rate at which a particular group of costs is chargeable (such as computer usage chargeback rates or composite fringe benefit rates).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If submitted for negotiation. If the proposal, plan, or other computation is required to be submitted to the Federal Government (or to the pass-through entity) to form the basis for negotiation of the rate, then the 3-year retention period for its supporting records starts from the date of such submission. • If not submitted for negotiation. If the proposal, plan, or other computation is not required to be submitted to the Federal Government (or to the pass-through entity) for negotiation purposes, then the 3-year retention period for the proposal, plan, or computation and its supporting records starts from the end of the fiscal year (or other accounting period) covered by the proposal, plan, or other computation. 	2 CFR 200.333
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None	<p>Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.</p> <p>(4) The non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.</p> <p>(5) Affirmative steps must include:</p> <p>(4) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists.</p> <p>(5) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources.</p> <p>(6) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises.</p> <p>(7) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises.</p> <p>(8) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and</p> <p>(9) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this section.</p>	2 CFR 200.321
Option Contract Language for contracts awarded prior to Grant Award	The contract award is contingent upon the receipt of CDBG-DR funds. If no such funds are awarded, the contract shall terminate.	Optional

THRESHOLD	PROVISION	CITATION
<p>>\$10,000</p>	<p>Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 CFR Part 60–1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60–1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964–1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”</p> <p>41 CFR 60-1.4 Equal opportunity clause.</p> <p>(c) Federally assisted construction contracts. (1) Except as otherwise provided, each administering agency shall require the inclusion of the following language as a condition of any grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee involving federally assisted construction which is not exempt from the requirements of the equal opportunity clause:</p> <p>The applicant hereby agrees that it will incorporate or cause to be incorporated into any contract for construction work, or modification thereof, as defined in the regulations of the Secretary of Labor at 41 CFR Chapter 60, which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Federal Government or borrowed on the credit of the Federal Government pursuant to a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, the following equal opportunity clause:</p> <p>During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: <p>Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.</p>	<p>41 CFR §60-1.4(b) and 2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (C)</p>

	<p>(e) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.</p> <p>(f) The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.</p> <p>(g) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.</p> <p>(h) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.</p> <p>(i) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.</p> <p>(j) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.</p> <p>(k) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order</p>	
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unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The applicant further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, that if the applicant so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The applicant further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

(c) Subcontracts. Each nonexempt prime contractor or subcontractor shall include the equal opportunity clause in each of its nonexempt subcontracts.

	<p>B. Inclusion of the equal opportunity clause by reference. The equal opportunity clause may be included by reference in all Government contracts and subcontracts, including Government bills of lading, transportation requests, contracts for deposit of Government funds, and contracts for issuing and paying U.S. savings bonds and notes, and such other contracts and subcontracts as the Director of OFCCP may designate.</p> <p>C. Incorporation by operation of the order. By operation of the order, the equal opportunity clause shall be considered to be a part of every contract and subcontract required by the order and the regulations in this part to include such a clause whether or not it is physically incorporated in such contracts and whether or not the contract between the agency and the contractor is written.</p> <p>D. Adaptation of language. Such necessary changes in language may be made in the equal opportunity clause as shall be appropriate to identify properly the parties and their undertakings.</p> <p>[80 FR 54975, Sept. 11, 2015]</p>	
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>\$2,000	<p><i>Compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5) and with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. 874; 40 U.S.C. 3145) as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 3):</i></p> <p>Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.</p>	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (D)
>\$100,000	<p>Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.</p>	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (E)

<p>>\$150,000</p>	<p>Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended— Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).</p>	<p>2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (G)</p>
<p>>\$100,000</p>	<p>Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.</p>	<p>2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (I) and 24 CFR §570.303</p>
<p>>\$100,000</p>	<p>All Section 3 covered contracts shall include the following clause (referred to as the Section 3 clause):</p> <p>A. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.</p> <p>B. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135, which implement Section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.</p> <p>C. The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this Section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the Section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each: and the name and location of the person(s)</p>	<p>24 CFR §135.38</p>

	<p>taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.</p> <p>D. The contractor agrees to include this Section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this Section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135.</p> <p>E. The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 135.</p> <p>F. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.</p> <p>G. With respect to work performed in connection with Section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this contract. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (i) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this contract that are subject to the provisions of Section 3 and section 7(b) agree to comply with Section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with section 7(b).</p>	
	<p>A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.</p> <p>[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014]</p>	<p>2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (J)</p>

	Mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.	42 U.S.C. 6201
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