



*Request for Proposal (“RFP”)*  
*Grant Administration and/or Planning Services*

*RFP No. 20-005*

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Issuance of RFP	Tuesday, May 26 2020
1 <sup>st</sup> Publication Date	Tuesday, May 26 2020
2 <sup>nd</sup> Publication Date	Tuesday, June 2 2020
RFP Question Deadline (5:00 p.m.)	Friday, June 5 2020
Proposal Submission Deadline (2:00 p.m.)	Wednesday, June 10 2020
City Council Consideration/Award	Thursday, June 18 2020

***INTENT***

City of Brenham (hereinafter referred to as “City”) is requesting proposals from qualified grant administration and/or planning service provider(s) to assist the City in preparing application(s) for and the overall administration or implementation of proposed Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program project(s), if funded by the Texas General Land Office (GLO).

All proposals must be submitted on the form provided by the City, and further must be properly executed in the space(s) provided.

***RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS***

Proposers shall submit **one (1) original and two (2) copies** of the Proposal on the form provided by the City. The original Proposal must be clearly marked “**Proposal for RFP No. 20-005**” and include an original signature, in ink, in order to be accepted. Proposals must be received in the City Secretary’s Office no later than **2:00 p.m. (CST) on Wednesday, June 10, 2020**. It is the Proposer’s sole responsibility to assure that the Proposal is delivered in a timely fashion. Proposals received after this time will be rejected and returned unopened.

There will be no public opening; however, name of the Proposer for each proposal received will be read aloud for public record. **Any proposal received after 2:00 p.m. on June 10, 2020 shall not be considered.**

To the extent allowed by applicable law, and subject to the ruling of any administrative agency or court having jurisdiction, the City intends that trade secrets and confidential information contained in the proposals and clearly identified as “Confidential” in **bolded font** will not be open for public inspection at any time, even after a contract has been awarded and executed, whether or not the proposer wins the contract.

Proposals should be prepared simply, providing straightforward, concise description of the Proposer’s approach and capabilities necessary to satisfy the requirements of the RFP. Technical literature and elaborate promotional materials, if any, must be submitted separately. Emphasis in the proposal should be on completeness, clarity of content and adherence to the presentation structure required by the RFP. Proposers are encouraged to suggest creative and economical means to provide the services requested in the RFP.

Proposals shall be delivered using one of the following methods:

**Hand-deliver to:**

200 W. Vulcan Street  
Suite 203  
Brenham, TX 77833

**Mail to:**

P.O. Box 1059  
Brenham, TX 77834-1059  
ATTN: City Secretary

**Ship to (FedEx, UPS, DHL, etc.):**

200 W. Vulcan Street  
Brenham, TX 77833  
ATTN: City Secretary

***CHANGES, QUESTIONS, AND INQUIRIES***

Any and all questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing and addressed to Jeana Bellinger, City Secretary/Director of Administrative Services, P. O. Box 1059 (200 W. Vulcan St., Suite 203), Brenham, Texas 77834, or e-mailed to [jbelling@cityofbrenham.org](mailto:jbelling@cityofbrenham.org). All e-mails must indicate “RFP No. 20-005” in the subject line. It is the sender’s responsibility to verify receipt of email; read receipt is acceptable. The deadline for submittal of questions regarding this RFP is **5:00 p.m. (CST) on Friday, June 5, 2020.**

No person has the authority to verbally alter these terms of this RFP. Any changes to this RFP will be made in the form of an Addendum which will be made available online at [www.cityofbrenham.org](http://www.cityofbrenham.org). It shall be the responsibility of interested bidders to check the website for addenda up to the proposal submission deadline. The complete RFP and all addendums will be posted on the City’s website.

***GENERAL TERMS***

The City of Brenham reserves the right to make an award without further discussion of the proposals. The selected Proposer will be expected to enter into an Agreement with the City, attached hereto as “EXHIBIT A” to this RFP. The Agreement may also incorporate the City’s standard contract terms and conditions, attached hereto as “EXHIBIT B” to this RFP.

The initial term of said Agreement shall be for one (1) year. The City, at its own discretion, may extend any contract awarded pursuant to this RFP for up to four (4) additional one (1) year terms or until such time as the grant funding expires, whichever comes first. Any extension will be subject to terms and conditions mutually agreeable to both parties.

## ***SCOPE OF WORK***

A detailed Scope of Services for CDBG administration services provided by the GLO is attached hereto as “EXHIBIT C” to this RFP. The administration service provider to be hired will provide application and contract-related management services, including but not limited to the following areas:

### *Pre-Funding Services\**

Provider will assist in developing project scope(s) and complete CDBG-MIT application(s). The provider will work with the City and Engineer, if applicable, to provide the concise information needed for submission of one or more complete CDBG-MIT funding applications and related documents. The required information shall be submitted in a format to be described by the GLO.

### *Post-Funding Services*

Provider will administer and provide delivery of infrastructure, utilities, housing, and eligible projects approved for CDBG-MIT funding. The selected service provider must follow all requirements of the HUD CDBG-MIT program as administered by the GLO.

General Administration Services may include, but not be limited to:

- Administrative Duties
- Construction Management
- Acquisition Duties (as necessary)
- Buyout Duties (as necessary)
- Environmental Services

Please specify a complete list of actual tasks to be performed under each of these categories in your response and, if necessary, a **brief** description of each task.

*\*Pre-funding services are generally ineligible for CDBG-MIT reimbursement.*

## ***STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS***

City is seeking qualified professional administration service providers experienced in grant application preparation, and administration/activity delivery. Please provide the following as it relates to your qualifications:

- A brief history of the service provider, including general background, knowledge of and experience working with relevant agencies and programs.

- Recent experience in applying for and managing federally-funded local projects.
- A description of work performance and experience with CDBG, CDBG Disaster Recovery, FEMA Hazard Mitigation or similar projects including a list of at least three (3) references from past local government clients, with information describing the relevancy of the previous performance.
- Describe which specific parts of the Scope of Work the service provider proposes to perform.
- Describe the capacity to perform the chosen Scope of Work activities as well as resumes of all employees who may be assigned to provide services if your firm is selected, identifying current employees and proposed hires.
- A statement substantiating the resources of the service provider and the ability to carry out the scope of work requested within the proposed timeline.

### ***PROPOSED COST OF SERVICE***

Provide your cost proposal to accomplish the scope of work by activity or to complete a specific service outlined above and for any additional services required using the Cost of Services page(s) attached hereto as ‘EXHIBIT D’ to this RFP. The specific projects and grant amounts are yet to be determined; therefore, vendors should propose pricing based on the potential funding amounts provided.

The City will consider 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. As such, proposers may specify any maximum limit to the total dollar value of grant funds they are able and willing to manage. Service providers may submit proposals for any or all activities. Preference will be given to firm fixed pricing. The proposal must include all costs that are necessary to successfully complete these activities. Note that the lowest/best bid will not be used as the sole basis for entering into this contract; rather, award will be made to the service provider(s) providing the best value, cost and other factors considered.

*Profit (either % / actual cost) must be identified and negotiated as a separate element of the price of the contract. To comply, the respondent must disclose and certify in its proposal the percentage of profit being used. “Cost plus percentage of cost” type proposals are prohibited.*

## ***EVALUATION CRITERIA***

The proposals received will be evaluated and ranked according to the following criteria and using the rating sheet attached hereto as “EXHIBIT E”:

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Maximum Points</u>
Experience	30
Work Performance	30
Capacity to Perform	20
Proposed Cost	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## ***SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS***

- A copy of your current **certificate of insurance** for professional liability.
- **Statement of Conflicts of Interest** (if any) the service provider or key employees may have regarding these services, and a plan for mitigating the conflict(s). The City may, in its sole discretion, determine whether or not a conflict disqualifies a firm, and/or whether or not the conflict mitigation plan is acceptable.
- **System for Award Management.** Service provider and its Principals may not be debarred or suspended or otherwise on the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) in the System for Award Management (SAM). Include verification that the service provider as well as the its principals are not listed (are not debarred) through the System for Award Management ([www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov)). Enclose a printout of the search results that includes the record date.
- **Form CIQ.** Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 requires that any vendor or person who enters or seeks to enter into a contract with a local government entity disclose in the Questionnaire Form CIQ the vendor or person’s employment, affiliation, business relationship, family relationship or provision of gifts that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. Form CIQ is attached hereto as “EXHBIT F” to this RFP and must be submitted with the response.
- **Certification Regarding Lobbying.** Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements is attached hereto as “EXHBIT G” to this RFP and must be submitted with the response.
- **Form 1295.** Pursuant to Government Code Section 2252.908, all contracts and contract amendments, extensions, or renewals executed by the City Council will require the completion of Form 1295 “Certificate of Interested Parties”. Form 1295 must be completed online at [www.ethics.state.tx.us](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us) (Texas Ethics Commission) by the awarded vendor at time of signed contract submission. A sample of Form 1295 is attached hereto as “EXHBIT H” to this RFP for your information.

- **Required Contract Provisions.** Applicable contract provisions must be included in all contracts executed as a result of this RFP. A copy of required contract provisions is attached hereto as “EXHIBIT I” to this RFP for your review and information.

***CONTRACTING WITH SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES, WOMEN’S  
BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS***

Small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to participate in this RFP. If the awarded vendor is a prime contractor and may use subcontractors, the following affirmative steps are required of the prime contractor:

- 1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists.
- 2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises.
- 5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) of the Department of Commerce.

Minority-owned businesses may be eligible for contract procurement assistance with public and private sector entities from MBDA centers:

Houston MBDA Business Center  
2302 Fannin Street, Suite 165, Houston, TX 77002  
713-718-8974  
<https://www.hccs.edu/hcc-in-the-community/entrepreneurial-initiatives/mbda/>

Dallas-Fort Worth MBDA Business Center  
8828 N Stemmons Freeway - Ste 550-B, Dallas, TX 75247  
214-920-2436  
<http://www.mbdadfw.com/>

San Antonio MBDA Business Center  
501 W César E Chávez Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78207  
210-458-2480  
<https://sanantoniombdacenter.com/>

MBDA Business Center – El Paso  
c/o El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
2401 E. Missouri Ave.  
El Paso, TX 79903  
915-351-6232 ext. 19  
<https://ephcc.org/blog/growing-my-existing-business/our-mbda-business-center/>

Small and woman-owned businesses may be eligible for assistance from SBA Women's Business Centers:

Houston Women's Business Council, Inc.  
9800 Northwest Freeway, Suite 120, Houston, TX 77018  
713-681-9232  
[wbc@wbea-texas.org](mailto:wbc@wbea-texas.org)

LiftFund - Dallas Fort Worth Women's Business Center  
8828 N. Stemmons Frwy., Suite 142, Dallas, TX 75247  
888-215-2373  
[wbcdfw@liftfund.com](mailto:wbcdfw@liftfund.com)

LiftFund - San Antonio Women's Business Center  
600 Soledad St., San Antonio, TX 78205  
888-215-2373  
[wbc@liftfund.com](mailto:wbc@liftfund.com)

SBA also provides assistance at Small Business Development Centers located across Texas:  
<https://americassbdc.org/small-business-consulting-and-training/find-your-sbdc/>

## **PROPOSAL SUBMISSION AUTHORIZATION**

- An authorized representative must sign bids, with the Proposer's address, telephone and email information provided. Unsigned proposals may not be considered.
- If the proposal is made by an individual, the name, mailing address and signature of the individual must be shown.
- If the proposal is made by a firm or partnership, the name and mailing address of the firm or partnership and the signature of at least one of the general partners must be shown.
- If the proposal is made by a corporation, the name and mailing address of the corporation and the signature and title of the person who signs on behalf of the corporation must be shown.
- The CITY reserves the right to request documentation showing the authority of the individual signing the proposal to execute contracts on behalf of anyone, or any corporation, other than himself/herself. Refusal to provide such information upon request may cause the proposal to be rejected as non-responsive.

The undersigned certifies that the information provided above is a true representation of its company's qualifications and agrees to comply with these assurances following award of the RFP and during the performance of the Lease Agreement, once executed.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**NON-COLLUSION CERTIFICATE**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the person, firm, association, co-partnership or corporation herein named, has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competition in the preparation and submission of a bid to the City of Brenham for consideration in the award of a contract on the improvement described as follows:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Firm)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Signature)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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

NOTARY SEAL:

**Texas General Land Office  
Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery - Mitigation (CDBG – MIT)**

**Administration Services  
Description of Programs**

Below is a description of proposed Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) construction/acquisition programs through the Texas General Land Office (GLO). The City anticipates applying for the following programs (please check the appropriate programs below):

Applicant: City of Brenham

**Programs:**  
***(Local Government will check boxes for Programs included in this RFP)***

- Hurricane Harvey Mitigation (for declared counties)
- 2015 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)
- 2016 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)
- Hazard Mitigation: Supplemental (for declared counties)
- Regional Mitigation (for declared counties)
- Coastal Resiliency (Coastal Counties Only)

**CDBG-MIT Program Descriptions:**

**Hurricane Harvey State Mitigation:** Funds mitigation projects for Hurricane Harvey HUD MID and State MID areas. The State Competition is open to cities, counties, council of governments, state entities, special and service districts. Examples of projects include flood control and drainage improvements, infrastructure improvements, green infrastructure, public facilities, and buyouts.

**2015 Floods State Mitigation:** Provide funds to cities, counties, Indian Tribes, and councils of governments to address risks in the 2015 Floods HUD MID and State MID areas. Examples of projects include flood control and drainage improvements, infrastructure improvements, green infrastructure, public facilities, and buyouts.

**2016 Floods State Mitigation:** Provide funds to cities, counties, Indian Tribes, and councils of governments to address risks in the 2016 Floods HUD MID and State MID areas. Examples of projects include flood control and drainage improvements, infrastructure improvements, green infrastructure, public facilities, and buyouts.

**Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP): Supplemental:** The Texas Division of Emergency Management has called for, selected, and prioritized a variety of local mitigation projects through FEMA's HMGP. This supplemental helps fund HMGP CDBG-MIT eligible projects that were selected but unable to receive funding in Hurricane Harvey impacted areas.

**Regional Mitigation (COG MODs):** Each Council of Government (COG) impacted by Hurricane Harvey will be allocated funds. Each COG will develop a method of distribution (MOD) to allocate funds to local units of governments and Indian Tribes. The GLO encourages the prioritization of regional investments with regional impacts in risk reduction to develop disaster-resistant infrastructure including upgrading of water, Sewer, solid waste, communications, energy, transportation, health and medical infrastructure, and natural mitigation infrastructure.

**Coastal Resiliency:** Provides Funds for a combination of green/ grey infrastructure, or non-structural CDBG-MIT eligible projects identified in the Texas Coastal Master Plan in the Hurricane Harvey HUD MID and State MID areas that enact long-term coastal resiliency. Counties, cities, navigation districts, port authorities, non-government organizations and state agencies are eligible to apply. Examples of projects include wetland protection, beach nourishment, and dune restoration, regional infrastructure improvements, and oyster reef enhancements.

See the GLO's CDBG-MIT Action Plan for more information on the requirements and scopes of these activities:  
<https://recovery.texas.gov/files/programs/mitigation/cdbg-mit-submitted-plan.pdf>

*This form will be inserted into the RFQ Packet for engineering purposes.*

**APPROVED BY:**

*Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.*

# EXHIBIT A

GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR  
**NON-HOUSING OR RENTAL/NON-RENTAL HOUSING PROJECTS**  
UNDER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
CONTRACT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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 for grant administration services (the “Contract”) pursuant to Local Govt. Code 252 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, 2016, Pub. L. No. 114-113**.

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

## I. DEFINITIONS / INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS / PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### 1.01 DEFINITIONS

**SAMPLE**  
“Activity” means a defined class of work 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 designee’s 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.

“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.

“Attachment” means documents, terms, conditions, or additional information physically added to this Contract following the execution page, or incorporated by reference, as if physically.

“Amendment” means a written agreement, signed by the parties hereto, which documents alterations to the Contract.

“[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 Grantee which, when executed by the Grantee, 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.

“[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 Certification](#)” 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.

“[Final Inspection Report](#)” means the document submitted by the housing contractor to a Subrecipient under a CDBG-DR Housing grant contract, indicating the completed construction of one Housing Unit.

“[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.

“[GLO-Vendor Contract](#)” means the contract or contracts between the GLO and Provider procured through the Solicitation; such GLO-Vendor Contract is hereby incorporated herein by reference, for all purposes.

“[Grant Administration Fee](#)” means the amount to be paid to Provider for all services performed for a Subrecipient.

“Housing” refers to a project involving home repair, home reconstruction, and new home construction; including housing for single-family and multi-family rental units under a CDBG-DR program grant.

“Housing Unit” means one house, or one multi-family rental unit.

“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 scope of work hereby incorporated for all purposes as Attachment C.

“Project” means the grant administration 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** No. **\_\_\_\_\_**, or the Solicitation, as defined below.

“Setup” means documentation, submitted by a Subrecipient, necessary for the GLO to determine that housing sites meet minimum eligibility criteria, resulting in approval for the Subrecipient to move forward with the projects.

“Solicitation” means Subrecipient’s Request for **Qualifications/Proposals** No. **\_\_\_\_\_**, 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 housing projects. Any Work Order issued for services to a recipient of a housing grant shall refer to “Subrecipient” as the party served.

“Subrecipient Agreement” means the contractual agreement for a CDBG-DR housing or 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.

“Weekly Report” means a document completed weekly by a subrecipient showing the status of all housing projects, both completed and remaining, and any other information as may be required by the GLO.

**SAMPLE**

## **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 X, Attachment Y, Attachment Z (Attachment order will be specific to each Contract, Provider’s Response will be the last item in the overall list.); Solicitation Documents; and Provider’s Response to Solicitation.

**General Rule: Contract, General Affirmations, Insurance, other docs created by us like the solicitation, then docs created by them. Ask an Atty if you have out of the ordinary documents**

### 1.03 PROJECT

Provider shall perform on cause to be performed at the direction of the Subrecipient, in assistance to Subrecipient, comprehensive administration services necessary to facilitate activities for the disaster relief, recovery, restoration, and economic revitalization in areas affected by [redacted] under the CDBG—DR Program. Provider will assist the Subrecipient in fulfilling State and Federal CDBG-DR statutory responsibilities related to recovery from Hurricanes Ike and Dolly including, but not limited to, performing grant administration services for non-housing and/or housing projects. Grant administrative services must be performed in compliance with (i) HUD requirements, (ii) the Non-Exclusive List of Laws, Rules, and Regulations in Attachment D; (iii) this Contract and all Attachments, including Provider’s Performance Statement, **Attachment C**; (iv) any Amendments to this Contract; (v) any Technical Guidance Letter, program requirements, or program guidance that may be issued by the GLO; (vi) GLO RFQ Nos. [redacted]; and (viii) Provider’s full and complete response to the RFQ (“the Project”).

Provider shall be responsible at all times for maintaining close oversight of approved projects and record-keeping including, but not limited to, obtaining and maintaining, through Provider’s own efforts, the Subrecipient’s current Performance Statement / Implementation Schedule, and Budget, including Revisions approved and Technical Guidance Letters issued by the GLO; and any other information that may be required for the satisfactory performance by Provider of the services herein described or assigned under a Work Order, as discussed below.

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#### **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.

##### **WEEKLY REPORTS – APPLICABLE TO HOUSING PROJECTS ONLY:**

Provider submit to the Subrecipient a Weekly Report containing all information as required by the GLO under the Subrecipient Agreement including, but not limited to, the number of Housing Units completed and the number of Housing Units remaining to be completed.

##### **QUARTERLY REPORTS – APPLICABLE TO NON-HOUSING AND HOUSING PROJECTS:**

**QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE REQUIRED AS A CONDITION OF REIMBURSEMENT TO ALL SUBRECIPIENTS.** It is incumbent upon Provider to facilitate the submission of each Quarterly Report in a timely manner. Each Quarterly 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 Quarterly 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 Quarterly Report and submission of a properly prepared invoice, appropriate payment may be made to Subrecipient and to Provider.

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In the sole discretion of the GLO, reports may be requested more often than quarterly, and Provider shall facilitate the timely submission to the GLO of such additional information by the Grant Recipient.

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

##### **PROJECT COMPLETION REPORTS:**

**NON-HOUSING SERVICES:** Provider shall prepare and submit to the Subrecipient a draft Project Completion Report (PCR) by the close of business no later than thirty (30) days from Provider's receipt of the fully executed final Certificate of Construction Completion ("COCC"). Provider shall then cooperate with the Subrecipient to submit the final, signed, PCR to the GLO by the close of business no later than sixty (60) days from Provider's receipt of the fully executed final COCC. The PCR must be submitted in accordance with the specifications in the Project Implementation Manual, and must include a full description of all Subrecipient projects, both as originally assigned and as ultimately completed, accounting for all Amendments, Revisions, and Technical Guidance Letters, if any.



**HOUSING SERVICES:** Provider shall prepare and submit to the Subrecipient a draft PCR by the close of business no later than thirty (30) days from Provider's receipt of the last Final Inspection Report, which indicates that all Housing Units approved in Subrecipient's grant have been completed. Provider shall then cooperate with the Subrecipient to submit a final, signed, PCR to the GLO by the close of business no later than sixty (60) days from Provider's receipt of the last Final Inspection Report. The PCR must be submitted in accordance with the specifications in the Project Implementation Manual, and must include a full description of all Subrecipient projects, both as originally assigned and as ultimately completed, accounting for all Amendments, Revisions, and Technical Guidance Letters, if any.

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## II. TERM

### **2.01 DURATION**

This Contract shall be effective as of the date signed by the last party, and shall terminate on [REDACTED]. The Subrecipient, at its own discretion, may extend any contract awarded pursuant to the Solicitation for up to [REDACTED] ( ) additional [REDACTED] ( ) year terms or until the time the grant funding expires, whichever comes first. Any extension will be subject to terms and conditions mutually agreeable to both parties.

### **2.02 EARLY TERMINATION**

The Subrecipient may terminate this Contract by giving written notice specifying a termination date at least thirty (30) days subsequent to the date of the notice. Upon receipt of any such notice, Provider shall cease work, undertake to terminate any relevant subcontracts, and incur no further expense related to this Contract. Such early termination shall be subject to the equitable settlement of the respective interests of the parties, accrued up to the date of termination.

### **2.03 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.

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### III. CONSIDERATION

#### **3.01 CONTRACT LIMIT, FEES, AND EXPENSES**

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 Grant Administration 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.

**The form of invoice will be prescribed by the Subrecipient and made available to Provider in a separate submission from the Subrecipient.**

**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 Quarterly Report required, as discussed in SECTION 1.04, above.

At a minimum, invoices must clearly file:

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- (a) Provider's Contract Number;
- (b) the name and GLO Contract Number (12 digits) of the Subrecipient Agreement to which services have been provided;
- (c) the current amount being billed;
- (d) the cumulative amount billed previously;
- (e) the balance remaining to be billed; and
- (f) 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.

The limit for such reimbursements shall be the rates established by the Comptroller of the State of Texas, as outlined in the State of Texas travel guidelines, *TexTravel*. If a rate within

the limits set forth in *TexTravel* is not available, Provider shall use its best efforts to obtain the lowest available room rate. Provider shall obtain prior approval from the Subrecipient.

**NOTICE TO PROVIDER:**

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

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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 C.**

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## 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, 2016, Pub. L. No. 114-113 enacted on December 18, 2015, to facilitate disaster recovery, restoration, economic revitalization, and to affirmatively further fair housing in accordance with Executive Order 12892, in areas affected by Hurricanes Dolly and Ike, 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:**
- SAMPLE** <https://www.opn.gov/cg/>
- 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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## VI. 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 and 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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## VII. 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.

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**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 may be exempt 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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## VIII. 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, county, city, 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**

- **THIS CONTRACT**
- **ANY NEGLIGENCE, ACT, OMISSION, OR MISCONDUCT IN THE 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. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION 8.03 SHALL SURVIVE TERMINATION OF THIS CONTRACT.**

### **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 [redacted] 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.

**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.

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**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**

[Local Government Entity to Complete]

**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, the GLO shall only enforce a provision of this 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 Travis 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 SECTION 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.

**SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS**

**Exhibit “B”**  
**TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDS**

**Definitions:**

In order to simplify the language throughout this request for bids, the following definitions shall apply:

CITY – OWNER - Same as City of Brenham.

CONTRACT - An agreement between the City and a Vendor to furnish goods or services over a designated period of time during which repeated purchases may be made of the goods or services specified.

VENDOR – The successful Bidder(s) of this bid request.

**Instructions:**

The following instructions apply to all bids and become a part of terms and conditions of any bid submitted to the City of Brenham Purchasing Department, unless otherwise specified elsewhere in this bid request.

**Form:**

Bids must be submitted on this form only. **Bidders are required to submit one (1) original and one (1) copy.** All bids submitted must be itemized with prices extended when practical. **BIDDER MUST RETURN THE ENTIRE ORIGINAL BID DOCUMENT WITH BID OR PROPOSAL.**

**Bid Return:**

Bid must be sealed, and to ensure proper recognition upon its arrival, list the Bid Number, Bid Description and the Bid Opening Date on the outside of your envelope.

**Late Bids:**

Bids must be received by the Purchasing Department prior to the time indicated on this form. Late bids will not be opened and will be returned to the bidder only upon written request.

**Acceptance:**

The City of Brenham reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities and technicalities, to accept the offer considered most advantageous **in order to obtain the best value for the City.** Causes for rejection of a bid may include but are not limited to the bidder’s current violation of any City ordinance, the bidder’s current inability to satisfactorily perform the work or service, or the bidder’s previous failure to timely perform its obligation under a contract with the City.

Bidders may be disqualified and rejection of proposals may be recommended for any of (but not limited to) the following causes:

1. Failure to use the proposal form furnished by the Owner;
2. Lack of signature by an authorized representative on the proposal form;
3. Failure to properly complete the proposal;
4. Evidence of collusion among proposers;
5. Omission of uncertified personal or company check as a proposal guarantee (**if Bid Bond required**); or
6. Unauthorized alteration of bid form.

Owner reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity.

All bidders are hereby notified that the City of Brenham shall consider all factors it believes to be relevant in selecting the offer that provides the best value for the City including, but not limited to the purchase price, the proximity of the bidder as it relates to bidder’s ability to perform the contract for the City, the delivery date, the reputation of the bidder and the bidder’s goods or services, the quality of the bidder’s goods or services, the extent to which the goods or services meet the City’s needs, the impact on the ability of the City to comply with laws and rules relating to contracting with historically underutilized business and non-profit organizations employing persons with disabilities, the total long-term cost of the City to acquire the bidder’s goods or services, the bidder’s past performance under



contracts with the City, the bidder's compliance with City ordinances, and any relevant criteria specifically listed in this request for bid.

The City is committed to obtaining its goods, products and services at the lowest price possible which benefits all citizens of Brenham. Therefore, in order to accomplish this objective/goal, it is not the intention of the City to exclude particular vendors or manufacturers nor to create restrictive situations in its request for bids and proposals. Any manufacturer's name, trade names, brand names, catalog numbers, technical data, etc. used in the specifications are there for the sole purpose of establishing and describing general performance, quality levels, type and dimensions and such references are not intended to be restrictive. Alternate bids on similar or comparable products and/or services of any manufacturer or vendor equal to the products and/or services described in the specifications are invited and will be given careful consideration provided the alternate will accomplish the same task. The City shall be the sole judge on whether the alternate product and/or service is similar to, equal to and in compliance with that specified. The decision of the City shall be final.

**Award of Contract:**

The contract may be awarded either to the lowest responsible bidder or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City. The bid award may be based on, but not necessarily limited to, the following factors:

- a. the purchase price, including payment discount terms;
- b. the reputation of the bidder and of the bidder's goods or services;
- c. the quality of the bidder's goods or services;
- d. the extent to which the goods or services meet the City's needs;
- e. the bidder's past relationship with the City;
- f. the impact on the ability of the City to comply with laws and rules relating to contracting with historically underutilized businesses and nonprofit organizations employing persons with disabilities;
- g. the total long-term cost of the City to acquire the bidder's goods or services; and

- h. any relevant criteria specifically listed in this request for bid.

The City prefers to award the entire contract to a single bidder; although, the City reserves the right to award a primary contract and a secondary contract in an effort to secure a back-up contractor to be used in emergency situations in the event the primary contractor is unable to respond as needed.

**Term of Contract:**

This Contract shall become effective from date of acceptance and approval by the City of Brenham. It shall remain in force and effect with firm fixed bid prices for a period of one (1) year, beginning on the date of award of contract.

**Extension of Contract:**

Upon completion of the term of the original contract and mutual agreement of both parties, the contract may be extended for up to two (2) additional one (1) year terms (three (3) years total). The renewal will be under the same terms and conditions as the original contract. In the event a new contract cannot be executed at the anniversary date of the original term or any renewal term, the contract may be renewed month-to-month until a new contract is executed.

**Assignment of Contract:**

This contract cannot be transferred or assigned to another party without written consent of the City and may be subject to cancellation by the City if such consent is requested.

**Contract Termination:**

The City may terminate this Contract at any time upon thirty (30) calendar day's written notice. Upon the Vendor's receipt of such notice, the Vendor shall cease work immediately. The Vendor shall be compensated for the services satisfactorily performed prior to the termination date.

If, through any cause, the Vendor fails to fulfill its obligations under this contract, or if the Vendor violates any of the agreements of this Contract, the City has the right to terminate this

Contract by giving the Vendor five (5) calendar days written notice. The Vendor will be compensated for the services satisfactorily performed before termination date. Termination of the contract for cause shall be deemed as sufficient evidence and cause to remove the Vendor's name from the bidder's list for receiving future bids.

No term or provision of this Contract shall be construed to relieve the Vendor of liability to the City for damages sustained by the City because of any breach of contract by the Vendor. The City may withhold payments to the Vendor for the purpose of setoff until the exact amount of damages due the City from the Vendor is determined and paid.

**Reimbursements:**

There is no expressed or implied obligation for the City to reimburse responding firms for any expenses incurred in preparing bids in response to this Request for Bids and the City will not reimburse responding firms for these expenses, nor will the City of Brenham pay any subsequent costs associated with the provision of any additional information or presentation, or to procure a contract for these services.

**Minority Owned Businesses:**

Minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

**Error-Quantity:**

Bids must be submitted on units of quantity specified. In the event of errors in extended process, the unit price shall govern. Any suggested quantity to secure better prices is welcomed. When discrepancies occur between words and figures, the words shall govern.

**Quantities:**

Quantities indicated in the Bid are estimated based upon the best available information. The City reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantities by any amount deemed necessary to

meet its needs without any adjustments in the unit bid prices.

**Variations:**

Any variation (deviation) from these specifications must be indicated on a separate form and be made part of the bid.

**F.O.B. – Damage**

Bids will not be considered unless bid F.O.B. delivered to Brenham, Texas. If shipping costs are not included in the unit bid price, bidder must give exact delivery cost, which is to be prepaid or added to the invoice. The City assumes no liability of goods delivered in a damaged or unacceptable condition.

**Firm Prices:**

Bidders must hold bid prices firm for 90 days after the bid opening date to allow the City sufficient time to award a contract. Once a Contract is awarded, the successful bidder must hold bid prices firm for the duration of the Contract. Sealed competitive bids may not be negotiated, amended or changed after the bid opening date.

**Cooperative Agreements:**

Successful bidder agrees to extend prices and terms to all governmental entities that have entered into, or will enter into, joint purchasing interlocal cooperation agreements with the City.

**Authorized Signature:**

Bids must show full firm name and mailing address of bidder and be manually signed by an authorized representative of the bidder. Firm name and authorized signature should appear on each page of bid where spaces are provided. Submission of a signed bid will be interpreted to mean that bidder has hereby agreed to all terms and conditions set forth in all of the sheets which make up this invitation.

**Withdrawal-Alteration Of Bids:**

Bids cannot be altered after receiving time or opening time. No bid may be withdrawn after

opening time without acceptable reason in writing and with the approval of the City Council.

**Lump Sum Bids:**

Lump sum bids will be considered only if unit prices are quoted also. However, the totals of such quoted unit prices and the lump sum bids will not be considered if the price quoted also involves prices of commodities requested on an entirely separate bid request.

**All-Or-None Bids:**

All-or-none bids will be considered only if bidder quoted prices on all items requested. If a bidder desires the City to consider an all-or-none bid, it must be stated in the bid document. All-or-none bids will not be considered if prices quoted involved prices of items and services requested on an entirely separate bid request.

**Payment Of Invoices:**

Invoices must be submitted by the successful bidder to the City of Brenham, Finance Department, P.O. Box 1059, Brenham, Texas 77835-1059. All invoices to be paid in full within thirty (30) days after satisfactory delivery and billing, whichever is the latter. The City will not be liable for payment of invoices received more than sixty (60) days after delivery of order, or completion of service.

**Cash Discounts:**

Bidders may quote additional cash discount terms. If no discount is shown, prices are to be assumed net. Discount period to be started from the date of completion of entire order or date of receipt of invoice, whichever occurs last regardless of date of invoice.

**Taxes:**

The City of Brenham is exempt from Federal Excise, State Sales and Transportation Taxes. TAX MUST NOT BE INCLUDED IN BID. The City upon request will execute Tax Exemption Certificates. The City of Brenham is statutorily exempt from State and Local Sales tax and a permit number is not required.

**Delivery:**

Bids must show the number of consecutive calendar days required to deliver the materials, services or equipment under normal conditions. Failure to specify delivery time will be considered reason enough to cause the bid to be disregarded. Delivery time quoted will be given consideration in awarding bids. If delivery is not made within ten (10) days after number of days specified on bid, entire order may be canceled and bidder's name removed from mailing list.

All deliveries are to be made to the Central Warehouse located at 315 West Second Street, unless otherwise specified in the Bid Request or Purchase Order. Deliveries will be accepted only during normal working hours on normal working days. Unless otherwise indicated, items received must be new and in first-class condition. Types of materials normally packaged for protection and convenience in storage shall be in the proper containers.

**Liability:**

Vendor shall be liable for all damages incurred while in performance of the work to be performed hereunder. Vendor assumes full responsibility for the work to be performed hereunder, and hereby releases, relinquishes, and discharges the City, its officers, agents, and employees, from all claims, demands, and causes of action of every kind and character including the cost of defense thereof, for any injury to, including death of, any person whether that person be a third person, vendor, or an employee of either parties hereto, and any loss of or damage to property, whether the same be that of either of the parties hereto or of third parties, caused by or alleged to be caused by, arising out of or in connection with the issuance of this order to Vendor, whether or not said claims, demands and causes of action in whole or in part are covered by insurance. Certificate of Insurance may be required for but not limited to Commercial General Liability, Commercial Auto Liability, Workers Compensation, and Professional Liability Insurance.

**Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS):**

MSDS's must be provided prior to or with receipt of order, and when revised. Containers must be properly labeled and identified in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communications Standard. Improperly labeled containers will result in refusal of the shipment and possible change in vendors.

**Patents, Franchises, etc.:**

The successful bidder agrees to protect the City from any claim involving patent right infringements, copyrights or sales franchises.

**No Bids:**

If bidder is unable to quote, the bid form should be returned to the purchasing agent before opening time, and reason given for not bidding if bidder desires to bid on future purchases.

**Addenda:**

In the event of a needed change in the published documents, it is understood that all the foregoing terms and conditions and all performance requirements will apply to any published addendum.

All published addenda shall be signed and included with your response package as acknowledgement of the addendum. Bidders are responsible for obtaining all published addenda from the City of Brenham Purchasing office. The City assumes no responsibility for the Bidders failure to obtain and/or properly submit any addendum. Failure to acknowledge and submit any addendum may be cause for the bid to be rejected. The City's decision to accept or reject any particular bid due to a failure to acknowledge and submit addenda shall be final.

**Fiscal Funding:**

The City operates and is funded on a fiscal year basis; accordingly, the City reserves the right to terminate, without liability, any contract for which funding is not available. Renewal of a contract will be in accordance with Local Government Code 271.903 concerning non-appropriation of funds for multi-year contracts.

The City reserves the right to rescind the contract at the end of each fiscal year if it is determined that there are insufficient funds to extend the contract. The fiscal year for the City extends from October 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year to September 30<sup>th</sup> of the following calendar year.

**H.B. 1295 Compliance:**

The Vendor for the Contract shall comply with the requirements of Section 2252.908 of the Texas Government Code as adopted in 2015 as House Bill 1295. The law requires that a governmental entity may not enter in certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a Disclosure of Interested Parties to the governmental entity. The law applies only to a contract 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.

Compliance with the law requires that the Vendor utilize the Texas Ethics Commission website to enter the required information on Form 1295 and print a copy of the complete form. The form must be signed, notarized and submitted to the contracting government entity

The City, in the case of contracts formalized by Purchase Order or by other written contract, will notify the Vendor of Award by Council and request the completed Form 1295 within five (5) working days thereafter.

**No Boycott of Israel:**

By acceptance of this Contract, Vendor hereby certifies that it is not a company identified on the Texas Comptroller's list of companies known to have contacts with, or provide supplies or services to, a foreign organization designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the U.S. Secretary of State. Vendor further certifies and verifies that neither vendor, nor any affiliate, subsidiary, or parent company of Vendor, if any, the "Vendor Companies", boycotts Israel, and Vendor agrees that Vendor and Vendor Companies will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "boycott" shall mean and include terminating business activities or otherwise taking any action that is intended to

penalize, inflict economic hoard on, or limit commercial relations with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory.

**Engaged in Business with Iran, Sudan, or Foreign Terrorist Organization:**

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2252, Subchapter F, Vendor affirms that it is not identified on a list created by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts as a company known to have contracts with or provide supplies or services to a foreign terrorist organization.

**Conflict of Interest:**

By doing business or seeking to do business with the City, Vendor acknowledges that they have been notified of the requirements of Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code and that they are solely responsible for compliance.

**Applicable Law and Venue**

This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. The parties agree that performance and all matters related thereto shall be in Washington County, Texas and venue for any lawsuit, claim or dispute arising out of the contract shall be in Washington County, Texas. Further, neither party will seek to remove such litigation to the federal court system by application of conflicts of laws or any other removal process.

**Insurance**

1. The Vendor shall procure and maintain at its sole cost and expense for the duration of the Contract insurance coverage for injuries to persons or damages to property that may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, volunteers, employees or subcontractors. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the City, its officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City, its

officials, employees or volunteers shall be considered in excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute to it. Further, the Contractor shall include the City as an additional insured under its policy. All coverage for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein. Certificates of Insurance and endorsements shall be furnished to the City and approved by the City before work commences.

2. Standard Insurance Policies Required:
  - a) Commercial General Liability Policy
  - b) Automobile Liability Policy
  - c) Workers' Compensation Policy
3. General Requirements Applicable to All Policies:
  - a) General Liability and Automobile Liability insurance shall be written by a carrier with an A: VIII or better rating in accordance with the current Best Key Rating Guide.
  - b) Only Insurance Carriers licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Texas will be accepted.
  - c) Deductibles shall be listed on the Certificate of Insurance and are acceptable only on a per occurrence basis for property damage only.
  - d) "Claims Made" policies will not be accepted.
  - e) The City of Brenham, its officials, employees and volunteers, are to be added as "Additional Insured" to the General Liability policy. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the City, its officials, employees or volunteers.
  - f) A Waiver of Subrogation in favor of the City with respect to Workers' Compensation Insurance must be included.
  - g) Each insurance policy shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days prior

written notice has been given to the City.

- h) Upon request, certified copies of all insurance policies shall be furnished to the City.

4. Commercial General Liability

- a) Minimum Combined Single Limit of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.
- b) No coverage shall be deleted from the standard policy without notification of individual exclusions being attached for review and acceptance.

5. Automobile Liability

- a) Minimum Combined Single limit of \$500,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.

6. Worker's Compensation

- a) Statutory

7. Certificates of Insurance shall be prepared and executed by the insurance company or its authorized agent. And shall contain the following provisions and warranties:

- a) The company is licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Texas.
- b) The insurance policies provided by the insurance company are underwritten on forms that have been provided by the Texas Board of Insurance.
- c) All endorsements and insurance coverage according to requirements and instructions contained herein.
- d) The form of the notice of cancellation, termination, or change in coverage provisions to the City of Brenham.
- e) Original endorsements affecting coverage required by this section shall be furnished with the certificates of insurance.

**Workers' Compensation Provisions**  
**(State law requires the following language in contracts on public works projects).**

**DEFINITIONS:**

Certificate of Coverage (certificate) – A copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, or a coverage agreement (TWCC-81, TWCC-82, TWCC-83, or TWCC-84), showing statutory workers' compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's employees providing services on a project, for the duration of the project.

Duration of the Project – includes the time from the beginning of the work on the project until the contractor's/person's work on the project has been completed and accepted by the City.

Persons providing services on the project ("subcontractor" in 406.096) – includes all persons or entities performing all or part of the services the Contractor has undertaken to perform on the project, regardless of whether that person contracted directly with the Contractor and regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitations, independent contractors, subcontractors, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity, or employees of any entity which furnished persons to provide services on the project. "Services" include, without limitation, providing, hauling, or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other services related to a project. "Services" does not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage vendors, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.

The Contractor shall provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, that meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all employees of the Contractor providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.

The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the City **prior** to being awarded the contract.

If the coverage period shown on the Contractor's current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project, the Contractor must, prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with the City showing that coverage has been extended.

The Contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to the City:

- a. a certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so the City will have on file certificates showing coverage for all persons providing services on the project; and
- b. no later than seven calendar days after receipt by the Contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.

The Contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter.

The Contractor shall notify the City in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) calendar days after the Contractor knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project.

The Contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas Workers' Compensation commission, informing all persons providing services on the project that they are required to be covered and stating how a person may verify coverage and report lack of coverage.

The Contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project, to:

- (a) provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, that meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all of its employees providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;
- (b) provide to the Contractor, prior to that person beginning work on the project, a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing services on a project, for the duration of the project;
- (c) provide the Contractor, prior to the end of the coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;
- (d) obtain from each person with whom it contracts, and provide to the Contractor:
  1. a certificate of coverage, prior to the person beginning work on the project; and
  2. a new certificate of coverage showing the extension of coverage, prior to the end of the coverage period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
- (e) retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter;
- (f) notify the City in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) calendar days after the person knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project; and
- (g) contractually require each person with whom it contracts, to perform as required by paragraphs (a) – (g), with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.

By signing the contract, or providing, or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the Contractor is representing to the City that all employees of the Contractor who will provide services on the project will be covered by workers' compensation coverage for the duration of the project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier or, in the case of a self-insured, with the Commission's Division of Self-Insurance Regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the Contractor to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.

The Contractor's failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of contract by the Contractor that entitles the City to declare the contract void if the contractor does not remedy the breach within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notice of breach from the City.



## **EXHIBIT C**

### **SCOPE OF SERVICES Administration Services**

The Contractor shall provide the following scope of services:

#### **SCOPE OF SERVICES REQUESTED**

Providers will help the GLO fulfill State and Federal Community Development Block Grant Mitigation ("CDBG-MIT") statutory responsibilities related to recovery in connection with any federally declared disaster. Providers will assist the GLO and/or grant recipients in completion of CDBG-MIT projects. Respondents may be qualified to provide Grant Administration services for one or more programs or services (environmental, acquisition/buyout, general administration, etc.) Grant administrative services must be performed in compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and guidelines issued by the GLO.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

Respondent must be able to perform the tasks listed herein to be considered eligible for an award under this Solicitation. Respondents should provide a detailed narrative of their experience as it relates to each of the items below. Respondents should clearly indicate if they intend to provide services in-house with existing staff or through subcontracting or partnership arrangements. Grant Administration Services will be provided in conformance with the guidance documents and use forms provided by the subrecipient utilizing GLO guidance. The providers shall furnish pre-funding and post-funding grant administrative services to complete the CDBG-MIT projects, including, but not limited to the following:

#### **Pre-Funding Services**

Grant Administrator will develop project scope and complete CDBG-MIT application(s). The provider will work with the subrecipient and Engineering, if applicable, to provide the concise information needed for submission of complete CDBG-MIT funding application(s) and related documents. The required information shall be submitted in a format to be described by the GLO.

#### **Post-Funding Services**

Grant Administrator will provide Grant Administration Services required to complete infrastructure, acquisition/buyout, housing and other eligible projects approved for CDBG-MIT funding. The selected service provider must follow all requirements of the Texas CDBG-MIT program.

#### **Grant Administration Services**

- a) General Administrative Duties:
  - i. Ensure program compliance including all CDBG-MIT requirements and all parts therein, current Federal Register, etc.
  - ii. Assist subrecipient in establishing and maintaining financial processes.
  - iii. Obtain and maintain copies of the subrecipient's most current contract including all related change requests, revisions and attachments.
  - iv. Establish and maintain record keeping systems.
  - v. Assist subrecipient with resolving monitoring and audit findings.
  - vi. Serve as monitoring liaison.
  - vii. Assist subrecipient with resolving third party claims.
  - viii. Report suspected fraud to the GLO.
  - ix. Submit timely responses to the GLO requests for additional information.
  - x. Complete draw request forms and supporting documents.
  - xi. Facilitate outreach efforts, application intake, and eligibility review.
  - xii. Utilize and assist with GLO's system of record to complete milestones, submit documentation, reports, draws, change requests, etc.
  - xiii. Submit change requests and all required documentation related to any change requests.

- xiv. Coordinate, as necessary, between subrecipient and any other appropriate service providers (i.e. Engineer, Environmental, etc.), contractor, subcontractor and GLO to effectuate the services requested.
  - xv. May assist in public hearings.
  - xvi. Will work with GLO's system of record.
  - xvii. Provide monthly project status updates.
  - xviii. Funding release will be based on deliverables identified in the contract.
  - xix. Labor and procurement duties:
    - a. Provide all Labor Standards Officer (LSO) Services.
    - b. Ensure compliance with all relevant labor standards regulations.
    - c. Ensure compliance with procurement regulations and policies.
    - d. Maintain document files to support compliance.
  - xx. Financial duties:
    - a. Prepare and submit all required reports (Section 3, Financial Interest, etc.).
    - b. Assist subrecipient with the procurement of audit services.
    - c. Assist subrecipient in establishing and maintaining a bank account for program funds.
    - d. Implementation and coordination of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing ("AFFH") requirements as directed by HUD and the GLO.
    - e. Implementation and coordination of Section 504 requirements.
    - f. Program compliance.
    - g. Ensure that fraud prevention and abuse practices are in place and being implemented.
    - h. Prepare and submit all closeout documents.
    - i. Submit all invoices no later than 60 days after the expiration of the contract. All outstanding funds may be swept after 60 days. The provider may request an extension of this requirement in writing.
    - j. Assist in preparation of contract revisions and supporting documents including but not limited to:
      - Amendments/modifications,
      - Change orders.
  - xxi. Perform any other administrative duty required to deliver the project.
- b) Construction Management
- i. The provider will assist the subrecipient in submitting/setting up project applications in the GLO's system of record.
  - ii. The provider may compile and collate complete contract/bid packages that meet GLO program requirements. The packages will contain supporting documentation that meets or exceeds the requirements of the GLO's program. If applications do not have the necessary forms, the provider may assist the subrecipient by coordinating to acquire the necessary documentation.
  - iii. The provider may monitor, report, and evaluate contractor's performance; notify the subrecipient if the contractor(s) fails to meet established scheduled milestones. Receive, review, recommend, and process any change orders as appropriate to the individual projects.
  - iv. The provider may assist the subrecipient with project Activity Draws/Close Out.
  - v. The provider may assist the subrecipient by submitting all the necessary documentation for draws and to close a project activity in the GLO's system of record. The provider will compile, review for completeness, and collate complete contract/closeout packages that meet GLO program requirements for draw requests. If applications do not have the necessary forms, the provider may assist the subrecipient by coordinating to acquire the necessary documentation.
  - vi. The provider may assist the subrecipient in developing Architectural and Engineering plans with guidance from the GLO.
  - vii. Reassignment scope alignment (if necessary).

c) Acquisition Duties:

- i. Submit acquisition reports and related documents.
- ii. Establish acquisition files (if necessary).
- iii. Complete acquisition activities (if necessary).

d) Buyout Duties (as necessary):

- i. Project planning, design, and startup
  - Assist subrecipient with procuring necessary vendors including appraiser, title vendor, and demolition contractor.
  - Develop subrecipient's Policy and Procedure Manual ("Program Guidelines"), and manage subsequent public comment process.
- ii. Property owner notifications
  - Generate and send required mailings to owners and tenants of each parcel targeted for buyout/acquisition.
  - Handle subsequent communication with owners and tenants while developing a contact log for future outreach.
- iii. Intake meetings
  - Advertise, schedule, and conduct intake with interested homeowners. During intake meetings case managers will collect all available documentation necessary to determine eligibility.
  - If there are tenants living in the property, case manager will send them General Information Notices to inform them of the program and their rights.
- iv. Eligibility verification
  - Management staff will review all intake documentation and verify eligibility.
  - If applicable, firm will verify duplicative benefits (DOB) and calculate eligible receipts.
  - Maintain applicant data in a secure system of record and comply with all record-keeping requirements of the General Land Office.
- v. Environmental reviews and site specific clearances
  - Conduct all required environmental reviews (Tier I and Tier II) and generate environmental clearance reports for each applicant file.
- vi. Offer package generation, approval, and mailing
  - Notify subrecipient that offer packages are ready, and use independently procured appraisals to determine the fair market value of buyout properties.
  - Generate and mail offer packages upon the subrecipient approval.
- vii. Offer meeting
  - Schedule and conduct offer meetings with property owners to discuss their options; accept, appeal or decline.
  - If the owner decides to appeal, the case manager will provide advisory services to guide owner through appeal process.
  - If the owner accepts, a contract of sale will be signed at the offer meeting.
- viii. Closing
  - Coordinate with property owner and subrecipient's procured title company to ensure the clear passage of title.
  - Assist property owner with relocation arrangements and schedule real estate closing.

- ix. Draw/funding requests
    - Assist subrecipient with GLO draw requests, funding requests, wire tracking, and coordinating program activities to align with funding schedule.
  - x. File, audit, closeout, and demolition
    - Complete final audit to ensure all procedures were properly followed.
    - Transfer physical files to subrecipient and complete remaining data entry.
    - Provide procured demolition contractor with property access.
- e) Environmental Services
- i. Review each project description to ascertain and/or verify the level of environmental review required: Exempt, Categorical Exclusion not Subject to 58.5, Categorical Exclusion Subject to 58.5, Environmental Assessment, and Environmental Impact Statements;
  - ii. If necessary, conduct tiered environmental review and submit broad and site-specific environmental reviews as required by 24 CFR Part 58.
  - i. Prepare, complete and submit HUD required forms for environmental review and provide all documentation to support environmental findings;
  - ii. Consult and coordinate with oversight/regulatory agencies to facilitate environmental clearance;
  - iii. Be able to perform or contract special studies, additional assessments, or permitting to secure environmental clearance. These may include, but are not limited to biological assessments, wetland delineations, asbestos surveys, lead-based paint assessments, archeology studies, architectural reviews, Phase I & II ESAs, USACE permits, etc.;
  - iv. Prepare all responses to comments received during comment phase of the environmental review, including State/Federal Agency requiring further studies and/or comments from public or private entities during public comment period;
  - v. Maintain close coordination with local officials, project engineer and other members of the project team to assure appropriate level of environmental review is performed and no work is conducted without authorization;
  - vi. Complete and submit the environmental review into GLO's system of record;
  - vii. At least one site visit to project location and completion of a field observation report;
  - viii. Prepare and submit for publication all public notices including, but not limited to the Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), Request for Release of Funds floodplain/wetland early and final notices in required order and sequence;
  - ix. Provide documentation of clearance for Parties Known to be Interested as required by 24 CFR 58.43;
  - x. Process environmental review and clearance in accordance with NEPA;
  - xi. Advise and complete environmental re-evaluations per 24 CFR 58.47 when evidence of further clearance or assessment is required;
  - xii. Prepare and submit Monthly Status Report; and
  - xiii. Participate in regularly scheduled progress meetings.

**EXHIBIT D**

**Cost of Services: Administration Services (Infrastructure)**

Indicate **No Cost Proposal** if your firm is not proposing for the services specified on this Cost of Services page.

The City may apply for all, none, or any combination of the CDBG-MIT infrastructure programs listed below (see the Administration Services—Description of Programs in this RFP) and choose one or more service providers to implement awarded activities.

Maximum amount of grant funds firm is able and/or willing to manage: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Indicate pricing for any/all CDBG-MIT programs for which firm is able and/or willing to provide specified services at the level of the total award amount.

**Proposed Cost to Provide All Grant Administration Services**  
 General Administrative, Environmental, Construction Mgt, related  
 Acquisition Duties (Not Buyout)

Program	Total Award Amount				
	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$100,000,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane Harvey Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2015 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2016 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Mitigation (for declared counties)					

**Proposed Cost to Provide General Administrative, Construction Management, related Acquisition Duties Only (not Buyout)**

Program	Total Award Amount				
	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$100,000,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane Harvey Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2015 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2016 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Mitigation (for declared counties)					

**Proposed Cost to Provide Environmental Services Only**

Program	Total Award Amount				
	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$100,000,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane Harvey Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2015 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2016 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Mitigation (for declared counties)					

**Proposed Cost to Provide Buyout Services Only (as needed--in addition to any of the above Service Fees)**

Program	Total Award Amount				
	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$100,000,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane Harvey Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2015 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2016 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Mitigation (for declared counties)					

## EXHIBIT E

### Administration Professional Services Rating Sheet

Grant Recipient \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Respondent \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Rating \_\_\_\_\_

**Rate the Respondent of the Request For Proposal (RFP) by awarding points up to the maximum listed for each factor. Information necessary to assess the Respondent on these criteria may be gathered either from past experience with the Respondent and/or by contacting past/current clients of the Respondent. Respondents proposing to offer specific services (environmental or buyout only) will be scored only on those services.**

**Experience**

<u>Factors</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Related Experience / Background with federally funded projects	5	_____
2. Related Experience / Background with specific project type (infrastructure, acquisition of property, coordination with regulatory agency, etc.)	5	_____
3. Related experience/background with specific services:		_____
a. Administrative, construction management, and related acquisition	5	_____
b. Environmental review	5	_____
c. Buyout management (if not applicable score '0')	5	_____
4. References from current/past clients	5	_____
<b>Subtotal, Experience</b>	30	_____

**Work Performance**

<u>Factors</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Submits requests to client/GLO in a timely manner	5	_____
2. Responds to client/GLO requests in a timely manner	5	_____
3. Past client/GLO projects completed on schedule	5	_____
4. Work product is consistently of high quality with low level of errors	5	_____
5. Past client/GLO projects have low level of monitoring findings/concerns	5	_____
6. Manages projects within budgetary constraints	5	_____
<b>Subtotal, Performance</b>	30	_____

**Capacity to Perform**

<u>Factors</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Qualifications / Experience of Staff		_____
a. Administrative, construction management, and related acquisition	4	_____
b. Environmental review	4	_____
c. Buyout management (if not applicable score '0')	4	_____
2. Present and Projected Workloads	4	_____
3. Demonstrated understanding of scope of the CDBG-MIT Project	4	_____
<b>Subtotal, Capacity to Perform</b>	20	_____

**Proposed Cost**

<u>Factors</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
Proposed cost is in line with independent estimate and compared with all cost proposals received	20	_____
A = Lowest Proposal \$ _____     A ÷ B X 20 = Respondent's Score	20	_____
B = Respondent's Proposal \$ _____		

**TOTAL SCORE**

	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Experience	30	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Work Performance	30	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Capacity to Perform	20	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Cost	20	_____
<b>Total Score</b>	<u>100</u>	<u>_____</u>

# EXHIBIT F

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

### FORM CIQ

#### OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

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.

**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:

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(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.

## EXHIBIT G

### Certification Regarding Lobbying

(To be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000)

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(c) The undersigned shall require that the language paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995).

The Contractor, \_\_\_\_\_, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.  
  
(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

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According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503

## Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352  
(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

<b>Type of Federal Action:</b> _____ a. contract _____ b. grant _____ c. cooperative agreement _____ d. loan _____ e. loan guarantee _____ f. loan insurance	<b>Status of Federal Action:</b> _____ a. bid/offer/application _____ b. initial award _____ c. post-award	<b>Report Type:</b> _____ a. initial filing _____ b. material change
<b>Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</b> _____ Prime      _____ Subawardee Tier _____, if Known:   <b>Congressional District, if known:</b>		<b>If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</b>    <b>Congressional District, if known:</b>
<b>Federal Department/Agency:</b>	<b>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</b>  CFDA Number, <i>if applicable</i> : _____	
<b>Federal Action Number, if known:</b>	<b>9. Award Amount, if known:</b>  \$ _____	
<b>10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant</b> <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i>	<b>b. Individuals Performing Services</b> <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i>	
<b>11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.</b>	<b>Signature:</b> _____  <b>Print Name:</b> _____  <b>Title:</b> _____  <b>Telephone No.:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____	
<b>Federal Use Only</b>	<b>Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form - LLL (Rev. 7-97)</b>	

# EXHIBIT H

(To be completed by awarded vendor)

<b>CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES</b>		<b>FORM 1295</b>	
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.		<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	
<b>1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.</b>		<span style="font-size: 2em; color: gray; transform: rotate(-45deg); opacity: 0.5;">Must file online at <a href="http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/File">www.ethics.state.tx.us/File</a></span>	
<b>2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.</b>			
<b>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.</b>			
<b>4</b> <b>Name of Interested Party</b>	<b>City, State, Country</b> <b>(place of business)</b>	<b>Nature of Interest (check applicable)</b>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Controlling</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Intermediary</b>
<b>5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.</b> <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>			
<b>6 UNSWORN DECLARATION</b> 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____. <span style="float: right;">(month) (year)</span>			
_____ Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity (Declarant)			
<b>ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY</b>			

## EXHIBIT I

# REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS

*Italics – Explanatory; not contract language*

### All Contracts

THRESHOLD	PROVISION	CITATION
None	<p>(H) 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 government-wide Excluded Parties List System 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.</p>	<p>2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (H)</p>
None	<p>The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Inspectors General, the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), and the City/County, or any of their authorized representatives, shall have access to any documents, papers, or other records of the Contractor which are pertinent to the TxCDBG award, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts and to closeout the City’s/County’s TxCDBG contract with TDA.</p>	<p>2 CFR 200.336 (former 24 CFR 85.36(i)(10))</p>
None	<p>Grantees or subgrantees must retain all required records for three years after grantees or subgrantees make final payments and all other pending matters are closed.</p>	<p>2 CFR 200.333 (former 24 CFR (85.36(i)(11))</p>
None	<p>Sec. 176.003. CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT REQUIRED.</p> <p>(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:</p> <p>(1) the vendor enters into a contract with the local governmental entity or the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor; and</p> <p>(2) the vendor:</p> <p>(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:</p> <p>(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or</p> <p>(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;</p> <p>(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:</p>	<p><u>Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code</u></p>

	<p>(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or</p> <p>(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor; or has a family relationship with the local government officer.</p> <p>(a-1) A local government officer is not required to file a conflicts disclosure statement in relation to a gift accepted by the officer or a family member of the officer if the gift is:</p> <p>(1) a political contribution as defined by Title 15, Election Code; or</p> <p>(2) food accepted as a guest.</p> <p>(a-2) A local government officer is not required to file a conflicts disclosure statement under Subsection (a) if the local governmental entity or vendor described by that subsection is an administrative agency created under Section 791.013, Government Code.</p> <p>(b) A local government officer shall file the conflicts disclosure statement with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than 5 p.m. on the seventh business day after the date on which the officer becomes aware of the facts that require the filing of the statement under Subsection (a).</p>	
<p>&gt;\$10,000</p>	<p><i>(B) 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 effected and the basis for settlement.</i></p> <p><b>Use the following language for contracts &gt; \$ 10,000:</b></p> <p><u>Termination for Cause</u></p> <p>If the Contractor fails to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the Contractor violates any of the covenants, conditions, agreements, or stipulations of this Agreement, the City/County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Contractor 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 Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall, at the option of the City/County, be turned over to the City / County and become the property of the City / County. In the event of termination for cause, the Contractor shall be entitled to receive reasonable compensation for any necessary services actually and satisfactorily performed prior to the date of termination.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the City/County for damages sustained by the City/County by virtue of any breach of contract by the Contractor, and the City/County may set-off the damages it incurred as a result of the Contractor's</p>	<p>2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II(B)</p>

	<p>breach of contract from any amounts it might otherwise owe the Contractor.</p> <p><u>Termination for Convenience of the City/County</u></p> <p>City/County may at any time and for any reason terminate Contractor's services and work at City/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.</p> <p>[Parties should include the manner by which such termination will be effected and the basis for settlement or any other terms and conditions concerning payment upon such termination.]</p>	
<p>&gt;\$50,000</p>	<p><i>(A) Contracts for more than \$50,000 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.</i></p> <p><b>Use the following language for contracts &gt; \$50,000:</b></p> <p><u>Resolution of Program Non-compliance and Disallowed Costs</u></p> <p>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 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 Agreement and choose a mediator that is not affiliated with the American Arbitration Association. The parties shall bear the costs of such mediation equally. <i>[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.]</i> 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.</p>	<p>2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (A)</p>
<p>Option Contract Language for Procurement before Grant Funds Awarded</p>	<p>Payment of the fees [described in ____ section] shall be contingent on CDBG funding. In the event that grant funds are not awarded to the City / County by TDA through the TxCDBG program, this agreement shall be terminated by the City / County.</p>	<p>2 CFR 200.319(a)</p>



**Additional provisions for administration & engineering contracts associated with construction contracts**

THRESHOLD	PROVISION	CITATION
<p>&gt;\$10,000</p>	<p><i>(Italics – Explanatory; not contract language)</i></p> <p><i>2 CFR 200 Appendix II (C) 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.”</i></p> <p><i>Therefore, include the following EO clause (not in italics) in construction contracts including construction associated administration and engineering contracts &gt; \$10,000:</i></p> <p><b>§60-1.4(b) Equal opportunity clause.</b></p> <p><i>(b) Federally assisted construction contracts. 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:</i></p> <p><i>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:</i></p> <p><i>During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:</i></p> <p><i>(1) 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: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other</i></p>	<p>41 CFR §60-1.4(b) And 2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (C)</p>

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.

(2) 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 considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

(3) The Contractor 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.

(4) 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.

(5) 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.

(6) 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.

(7) 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.

(8) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) 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. 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

	<p>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.</p> <p>(c) Subcontracts. Each nonexempt prime contractor or subcontractor shall include the equal opportunity clause in each of its nonexempt subcontracts.</p> <p>(d) Incorporation by reference. The equal opportunity clause may be incorporated 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 Deputy Assistant Secretary may designate.</p> <p>(e) 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>(f) 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>[43 FR 49240, Oct. 20, 1978, as amended at 62 FR 66971, Dec. 22, 1997; 79 FR 72993, Dec. 9, 2014; 80 FR 54934, September 11, 2015]</p>	
<p>&gt;\$100,000</p>	<p><i>§135.38 Section 3 clause</i>  <i>All section 3 covered contracts shall include the following clause (referred to as the section 3 clause):</i></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</p>	<p>24 CFR §135.38</p>

	<p>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) 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>	
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**Construction Contracts**

THRESHOLD	PROVISION	CITATION
>\$2,000 for Davis Bacon and Copeland	<i>HUD 4010 Federal labor standards provisions include:</i>	

<p>“Anti-Kickback” Act;          &gt;\$100,000 for Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Davis Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.) as supplemented by DOL regulations (29 CFR part 5);</i></li> <li>2. <i>Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3); and</i></li> <li>3. <i>Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.)</i></li> </ol> <p><i>See HUD 4010 contract language in Appendix F. Inclusion of this language into the construction contract satisfies contract requirements of the separate acts noted.</i></p>	
<p>&gt;\$2,000          (Satisfied with inclusion of HUD 4010)</p>	<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>(D) 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>	<p>2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (D)</p>
<p>&gt;\$10,000</p>	<p><i>(Italics – Explanatory; not contract language)</i></p> <p><i>2 CFR 200 Appendix II (C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “<u>federally assisted construction contract</u>” in 41 CFR Part 60–1.3 <u>must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60–1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order</u></i></p>	<p>41 CFR §60-1.4(b)          And          2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (C)</p>

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."

Therefore, include the following EO clause (not in italics) in construction contracts including construction associated administration and engineering contracts > \$10,000:

**§60-1.4(b) Equal opportunity clause.**

(b) *Federally assisted construction contracts. 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:*

*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:*

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

(1) 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: 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.

(2) 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 considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

(3) The Contractor 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.

(4) 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.

(5) 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.

(6) 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.

(7) 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.

(8) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) 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. 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.

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

(d) Incorporation by reference. The equal opportunity clause may be incorporated by reference in all

	<p>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 Deputy Assistant Secretary may designate.</p> <p>(e) 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>(f) 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>[43 FR 49240, Oct. 20, 1978, as amended at 62 FR 66971, Dec. 22, 1997; 79 FR 72993, Dec. 9, 2014; 80 FR 54934, September 11, 2015]</p>	
<p>≥\$100,000</p>	<p>(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more 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>&gt;\$100,000 (Satisfied with inclusion of HUD 4010)</p>	<p>(E) 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</p>	<p>2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (E)</p>

	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.	
>\$100,000	<p><i>§135.38 Section 3 clause</i>  <i>All section 3 covered contracts shall include the following clause (referred to as the section 3 clause):</i></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) 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>	24 CFR §135.38

	<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>&gt;\$150,000</p>	<p>(G) 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>



Grant Administration and/or Planning Services  
RFP Submission Form

**RFP No: 20-005**  
**RFP Due Date: 2:00 P.M. (CST), Wednesday, June 10, 2020**

Submit to: Office of the City Secretary  
City of Brenham  
200 W. Vulcan St., Suite 203  
Brenham, TX 77833

PO Box 1059  
Brenham, Texas 77834-1059

Sealed proposals must be submitted on this form only. **Proposers are required to submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of this RFP submission form.**

The RFP Submission Form **MUST** be signed by an authorized representative. Original signature required.

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Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Cost of Services: Administration Services (Infrastructure)

Indicate **No Cost Proposal** if your firm is not proposing for the services specified on this Cost of Services page.

The City may apply for all, none, or any combination of the CDBG-MIT infrastructure programs listed below (see the Administration Services—Description of Programs in this RFP) and choose one or more service providers to implement awarded activities.

Maximum amount of grant funds firm is able and/or willing to manage: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate pricing for any/all CDBG-MIT programs for which firm is able and/or willing to provide specified services at the level of the total award amount.

**Proposed Cost to Provide All Grant Administration Services**  
 General Administrative, Environmental, Construction Mgt, related  
 Acquisition Duties (Not Buyout)

Program	Total Award Amount				
	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$100,000,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane Harvey Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2015 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2016 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Mitigation (for declared counties)					

**Proposed Cost to Provide General Administrative, Construction Management, related Acquisition Duties Only (not Buyout)**

Program	Total Award Amount				
	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$100,000,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane Harvey Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2015 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2016 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Mitigation (for declared counties)					

**Proposed Cost to Provide Environmental Services Only**

Program	Total Award Amount				
	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$100,000,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane Harvey Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2015 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2016 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Mitigation (for declared counties)					

**Proposed Cost to Provide Buyout Services Only (as needed--in addition to any of the above Service Fees)**

Program	Total Award Amount				
	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$100,000,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane Harvey Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2015 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2016 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Mitigation (for declared counties)					