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LEGAL NOTICE

Advertisement for Request for Proposal

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Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be accepted by the Jefferson County Purchasing Department for RFP 20-015/JW, Grant Administration and Management Services for Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) for Jefferson County. **Specifications for this project may be obtained from the Jefferson County website, <https://www.co.jefferson.tx.us/Purchasing/>, or by calling 409-835-8593.**

Jefferson County plans to apply for Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and is soliciting proposals to provide administration and/or planning services for CDBG-MIT contract(s), if awarded. The County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals and may award one or more contracts to one or more service provider(s).

Proposals are to be sealed and addressed to the Purchasing Agent with the proposal number and name marked on the outside of the envelope or box. Offerors shall forward an original and five (5) hard copies of their proposal to the address shown below. Late proposals will be rejected as non-responsive. Proposals will be publicly opened and only the firm name will be read aloud in the Jefferson County Engineering Conference Room (5th Floor, Historic Courthouse) 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701 at the time and date below. Proposals shall be opened in a manner that avoids disclosure of the contents to competing offerors and maintains the confidentiality of the proposals during negotiations. Proposals will be open for public inspection after the award of the contract, except for trade secrets and confidential information. Offerors are invited to attend the sealed proposal opening.

PROPOSAL NAME: Grant Administration and Management Services for Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) for Jefferson County

PROPOSAL NO: RFP 20-015/JW

DUE DATE/TIME: 11:00 AM CT, Wednesday, May 20, 2020

**MAIL OR DELIVER TO: Jefferson County Purchasing Department
1149 Pearl Street, 1st Floor
Beaumont, Texas 77701**

Any questions relating to these requirements should be directed to Jamey West, Assistant Purchasing Agent at 409-835-8593 or jwest@co.jefferson.tx.us.

Jefferson County encourages Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women-Owned Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area firms to participate in the proposal submission process. Jefferson County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provisions of services. The County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact our office at 409-835-8593 to make arrangements no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the submittal deadline. Jefferson County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities and to take whatever action is in the best interest of Jefferson County.

All interested firms are invited to submit a proposal in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in this proposal.

RESPONDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY READ THE ENTIRE INVITATION.

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Proposal Submissions:

Offeror is responsible for submitting:

- One (1) original and five (5) proposal copies; with all copies to include a completed copy of this specifications packet, **in its entirety**.

Additionally, Offeror must monitor the Jefferson County Purchasing Department Website (below) to see if addenda or additional instructions have been posted. Failure to return all required forms could result in a response being declared as non-responsive.

<https://www.co.jefferson.tx.us/Purchasing/>

Proposal Submittal Checklist

The Offeror's attention is especially called to the items listed below, which must be submitted in full as part of the proposal.

Failure to submit any of the documents listed below as a part of your proposal, or failure to acknowledge any addendum in writing with your proposal, or submitting a proposal on any condition, limitation, or provision not officially invited in this Request for Proposal (RFP) may cause for rejection of the proposal.

Offeror shall check each box indicating compliance.

THIS CHECKLIST MUST BE SUBMITTED AS PART OF YOUR PACKAGE

- Cover sheet identifying the contract/project being proposed, the name and address of the Offeror, the date of the proposal, and the email address, telephone, and facsimile numbers of Offeror.
- An acknowledgment and/or response to each section of the proposal.
- Form of business (e.g., corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership); if corporation the date and state of incorporation.
- Identification of three (3) entities for which the Offeror is providing or has provided Grant Administration and Management Services of the type requested, including the name, position, and telephone number of a contact person at each entity.
- Identification of all legal claims, demands, contracts terminated or lawsuits filed, threatened, or pending against the Offeror and/or its principal/officers for the last three (3) years, as well as identification of any administrative actions or warnings taken or issued by any federal, state, or local governmental agency to Offeror and/or its principals/officers with regard to the provision of the same or similar service as covered by this RFP, or the payment of moneys under the terms of any agreement(s) relating to such services.
- One (1) original and Five (5) proposal copies; with all copies to include a completed copy of this specifications packet, in its entirety.**

Each Offeror shall ensure that required parts of the response are completed with accuracy and submitted as per the requirements within this specifications packet, including any addenda.

PLEASE READ THE "PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST" INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE.

_____ Company	_____ Telephone Number
_____ Address	_____ Fax Number
_____ Authorized Representative (Please print)	_____ Title
_____ Authorized Signature	_____ Date

Offeror Must Complete and Return This Page With Offer.

1. Introduction to Offerors

Jefferson County, Texas is seeking to enter into a services contract with a qualified and competent Grant Administration/Management Firm to assist the County in preparing an application for and in the overall management of its proposed CDBG-MIT project(s), if funded by the Texas General Land Office Community Development & Revitalization (GLO).

The following items are provided as general information and specifications as required by the Jefferson County Purchasing Department.

1.1 Vendor Instructions

Read the document carefully. Follow all instructions. You are responsible for fulfilling all requirements and specifications. Be sure you have a clear understanding of the proposal.

General Requirements apply to all advertised requests for proposals; however, these may be superseded, whole or in part, by the **Scope of Services, Guidelines and Specifications, Requested Responses and Information, or other data contained herein**. Be sure your proposal package is complete.

1.2 Governing Law

Offeror is advised that these requirements shall be fully governed by the laws of the State of Texas and that Jefferson County may request and rely on advice, decisions, and opinions of the Attorney General of Texas and the County Attorney concerning any portion of these requirements.

1.3 Ambiguity, Conflict, or other errors in the RFP

If Offeror discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in the RFP, Offeror shall immediately notify the County of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document. Modifications will be made by issuing Addenda. Written notice will be given to all parties who have been furnished with the RFP without divulging the source of the request for the same. If the Offeror fails to notify the County prior to the date and time fixed for submission of proposals of an error or ambiguity in the RFP known to Offeror, or an error or ambiguity that reasonably should have been known to Offeror, then Offeror shall not be entitled to compensation or additional time by reason of the error or ambiguity or its later resolution.

The County may also modify the RFP, no later than 48 hours prior to the date and time fixed for submission of proposals, by issuance of an Addendum to all parties who have received the RFP. All addenda will be numbered consecutively, beginning with 1.

1.4 Notification of Most Current Address

Firms in receipt of this RFP shall notify Deborah L. Clark, Jefferson County Purchasing Agent, of any address changes, contact person changes, and/or telephone number changes no later than 48 hours prior to the date and time fixed for submission of proposals.

1.5 Proposal Preparation Cost

Cost for developing proposals is entirely the responsibility of Offerors and shall not be charged to Jefferson County.

1.6 Signature of Proposal

A transmittal letter, which shall be considered an integral part of the proposal, shall be signed by an individual who is authorized to bind the Offeror contractually. If the Offeror is a corporation, the legal name of the corporation shall be provided together with the signature of the officer or officers authorized to sign on behalf of the corporation.

If the Offeror is a partnership, the true name of the firm shall be provided with the signature of the partner or partners authorized to sign.

If the Offeror is an individual, that individual shall sign. If signature is by an agent, other than an officer of a corporation or a member of a partnership, a power of attorney or equivalent document must be submitted to the Jefferson County Purchasing Department prior to the submission of the proposal or with the proposal.

1.7 Economy of Presentation

Proposals shall not contain promotional or display materials, except as they may directly answer in whole or in part questions contained in the RFP. Such exhibits shall be clearly marked with the applicable reference number of the question in the RFP. Proposals must address the technical requirements as specified in the RFP. All questions posed by the RFP must be answered concisely and clearly. Proposals that do not address each criterion may be rejected and not considered.

1.8 Proposal Obligation

The contents of the proposal and any clarification thereof submitted by the selected Offeror shall become part of the contractual obligation and incorporated by reference into the ensuing contract.

1.9 Incorporation by Reference and Precedence

This Agreement is derived from (1) the RFP, written clarifications to the RFP and County's response to questions; (2) the Contractor's Best and Final Offer, and (3) the Contractor's response to the RFP.

In the event of a dispute under this Agreement, applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence: (1) Amendments to the Agreement in reverse chronological order; (2) the Agreement, including the Scope of Work; (3) the Contractor's Best and Final Offer; (4) the RFP, including attachments thereto and written responses to questions and written clarifications; and (5) the Contractors response to the RFP.

1.10 Governing Forms

In the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of these requirements and the specifications, the specifications shall govern. In the event of any conflict of interpretation of any part of this overall document, Jefferson County's interpretation shall govern.

1.11 Implied Requirements

Products and services not specifically mentioned in the RFP, but which are necessary to provide the functional capabilities described by the Offeror, shall be included in the proposal.

1.12 Compliance with RFP Specifications

It is intended that this RFP describe the requirements and the response format in sufficient detail to secure comparable proposals. Failure to comply with all provisions of the RFP may result in disqualification.

1.13 Vendor Registration: SAM (System for Award Management)

Vendors doing business with Jefferson County are required to be registered with The System for Award Management (SAM), with an “active” status.

The System for Award Management (SAM) is the Official U.S. Government system that consolidated the capabilities of CCR/FedReg, ORCA, and EPLS. There is NO fee to register for this site. Entities may register at no cost directly from the SAM website at: <https://www.sam.gov>

Offerors are strongly encouraged to review their firm’s SAM (System for Award Management) status prior to Proposal Submission.

1.14 Awarded Vendor(s): Submission of FORM 1295 (Texas Ethics Commission)

In accordance with House Bill 1295 (passed January 1, 2016), Vendors entering into contracts and professional agreements with Jefferson County will be required to complete a Certificate of Interested Parties (FORM 1295), unless contract is considered exempt as described below.

In 2017, the Texas legislature amended the law to require Form 1295 to include an “unsworn declaration” which includes, among other things, the date of birth and address of the authorized representative signing the form. The unsworn declaration, including the date of birth and address of the signatory, replaces the notary requirement that applied to contracts entered into before January 1, 2018. The TEC filing application does not capture the date of birth or street address of the signatory and it will not appear on forms that are filed using the TEC filing application.

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

FORM 1295 Exemptions: What type of contracts are exempt from the Form 1295 filing requirement under the amended law? The amended law adds to the list of types of contract exempt from the Form 1295 filing requirement. A completed Form 1295 is not required for:

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

Upon entering into a contract or professional agreement, the Jefferson County Purchasing Department will submit a request to the Vendor to both:

1. Submit a FORM 1295 online via the Texas Ethics Commission website link below.

Vendors must enter the required information on Form 1295, and print a copy of the completed form. The form will include a certification of filing that will contain a unique certification number.

2. Submit a FORM 1295 hard copy (completed & signed by an Authorized Agent of the Awarded Vendor), to the Jefferson County Purchasing Department.

FORM 1295, Completion Instructions, and Login Instructions are available via the Texas Ethics Commission Website at: https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm

1.15 Emergency/Declared Disaster Requirements

In the event of an emergency or if Jefferson County is declared a disaster area, by the County, State, or Federal Government, a contract (executed in response to this Request for Proposal) may be subjected to unusual usage. Contractor shall service the County during such an emergency or declared disaster under the same terms and conditions that apply during non-emergency/disaster conditions. The pricing as specified in the contract shall apply to serving the County's needs regardless of the circumstances. If Contractor is unable to supply the services under the terms of the contract, then Contractor shall provide proof of such disruption and a copy of the invoice from Contractor's supplier(s). Additional profit margin as a result of supplying services during an emergency or declared disaster shall not be permitted. In the event that additional equipment, supplies, and materials are required during the declared disaster, additional shipping, handling and drayage fees may apply.

1.16 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Mandated Contract Clauses

If applicable to the work and services being performed by CONTRACTOR under the parties' AGREEMENT, the following provisions are adopted and form part of this AGREEMENT:

(A) DAMAGES, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (A)

- (1) All work to be performed under this AGREEMENT shall be timely commenced. A breach of this AGREEMENT by Contractor would cause substantial delay in the completion of the required services affecting the safety and welfare of the public.
- (2) In the event of Contractor's breach of its performance obligations, County shall have all rights and remedies against Contractor as provided by law.

(B) TERMINATION RIGHTS, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (B)

Termination for Convenience: Whenever the interests of the County so require, County may terminate the parties' Agreement, in whole or in part, for the convenience of the County. County shall give Contractor thirty (30) days prior written notice of termination specifying the portions of the Agreement to be terminated and when such termination will become effective. If only portions of the parties' agreement are terminated, Contractor has the right to withdraw from the parties' Agreement, without adverse action or claims. In the event of a termination for convenience by County, Contractor shall be entitled to payment for all work and services performed by it up to the effective date of such termination.

Termination for Cause: The County may, by written notice of default to Contractor, terminate the parties' Agreement, in whole or in part, if the Contractor fails to satisfactorily perform any provisions of the parties' agreement after a period of ten (10) following Contractor's receipt of a Notice of Deficiency provided by County.

(C) EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (C))

If applicable to the work and services performed by CONTRACTOR under the AGREEMENT, during the performance of the AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity Clause (41 CFR 60-1.4(b)):

- (1) CONTRACTOR will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. 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, 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. AGREEMENTOR 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) 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, or national origin.
- (3) CONTRACTOR will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other agreement 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.
- (4) 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.

(5) 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 for purpose of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(6) In the event of the CONTRACTOR'S noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this AGREEMENT or with any of the said rules, regulations or orders, this AGREEMENT 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.

(7) CONTRACTOR will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of subparagraphs 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 contractor. 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 CONTRACTOR becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or contractor 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 interest of the United States.

D. DAVIS-BACON ACT AND COPELAND "ANTI-KICKBACK" ACT, 2 CFR §200.326 Appen. II to Part 200 (D)

If applicable to the work and services performed by CONTRACTOR under the parties' AGREEMENT:

(1) Bacon-Davis Act: Applicable to construction or repair of public buildings or public works. see FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide, Ch.2(V)(G)(2), page 32 (FP 104-009-2/January 2016);

(2) Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act: In contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act, CONTRACTOR shall comply 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 the contractor and subcontractor 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 GOVERNMENT must report all suspected or reported violations to the appropriate Federal agency.

If applicable to the work and services performed by CONTRACTOR under the parties' AGREEMENT:

(a) CONTRACTOR shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this AGREEMENT.

(b) CONTRACTOR or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontract the clause above and such other clauses as FEMA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontract with all of these contract clauses.

(c) A breach of the AGREEMENT clause above may be grounds for termination of the AGREEMENT, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. §5.12.

E. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (E) (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708)

Contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers shall comply 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 and its subcontractors shall 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.

(1) Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

(2) Violation: liability for unpaid wages: liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.

(3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The GOVERNMENT shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.

(4) The contractor and subcontractor shall insert in any subcontract the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts.

F. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (F)

If applicable to the work and services performed by CONTRACTOR under the parties' AGREEMENT and if the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the GOVERNMENT wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the GOVERNMENT must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business."

G. CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (G)

CONTRACTOR shall 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).

CONTRACTOR shall include the foregoing requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000.

H. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (H)

If applicable to the work and services performed by CONTRACTOR under the parties' AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the mandatory standards and policies of the state regulation promulgated in accordance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. § 6201).

I. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (I)

(1) This AGREEMENT is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the CONTRACTOR is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

(2) The CONTRACTOR must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

(3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by GOVERNMENT. If it is later determined that the CONTRACTOR did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to GOVERNMENT, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

(4) The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C AGREEMENT is valid and throughout the period of performance. The CONTRACTOR further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

J. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (J)

CONTRACTOR must file with the GOVERNMENT 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. If not provided with the bid response, CONTRACTOR must complete and submit the Certification Regarding Lobbying Form.

K. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (K) and 2 CFR §200.322)

(1) In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired-

- (a) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- (b) Meeting contract performance requirements; or
- (c) At a reasonable price.

(2) Information about this requirement is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/>.

The list of EPA-designate items is available at <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/products/htm>

L. AGREEMENTING WITH SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES, WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS (2 CFR §200.321)

Should the CONTRACTOR subcontract any of the work under this AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR shall take the following affirmative steps: place qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists; assure that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources; divide total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; establish delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; and use the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

M. ACCESS TO RECORDS

(1) CONTRACTOR agrees to provide GOVERNMENT, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representative's access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this AGREEMENT for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

(2) CONTRACTOR agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

(3) CONTRACTOR agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representatives' access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.

N. SEAL, LOGO AND FLAGS

CONTRACTOR shall not use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's agency officials without specific FEMA preapproval.

O. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS

This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund the AGREEMENT only. CONTRACTOR will comply will all federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

P. NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Federal Government is not a party to this AGREEMENT and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to GOVERNMENT, CONTRACTOR, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

Q. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS

CONTRACTOR acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the CONTRACTOR'S actions pertaining to this contract.

1.17 Evaluation

Jefferson County reserves the right to use all pertinent information (also learned from sources other than disclosed in the RFP process) that might affect the County's judgment as to the appropriateness of an award to the best evaluated Offeror. This information may be appended to the proposal evaluation process results. Information on a service provider from reliable sources, and not within the service provider's proposal, may also be noted and made part of the evaluation file. Jefferson County shall have sole responsibility for determining a reliable source. Jefferson County reserves the right to conduct written and/or oral discussions/interviews after the proposal opening. The purpose of such discussions/interviews is to provide clarification and/or additional information to make an award in the best interest of Jefferson County.

1.18 Withdrawal of Proposal

The Offeror may withdraw its proposal by submitting a written request over the signature of an authorized individual, as described in paragraph 1.6, to the Purchasing Department any time prior to the submission deadline. The Offeror may thereafter submit a new proposal prior to the deadline. Modification or withdrawal of the proposal in any manner, oral or written, will not be considered if submitted after the deadline.

1.19 Minority-Women Business Enterprise Participation

It is the desire of Jefferson County to increase the participation of Minority (MBE) and women-owned (WBE) businesses in its contracting and procurement programs. While the County does not have any preference or set aside programs in place, it is committed to a policy of equitable participation for these firms.

1.20 Award

Jefferson County reserves the right to award this contract on the basis of the **Best Offer** in accordance with the laws of Texas, to waive any formality or irregularity, to make award to more than one Offeror, and/or to reject any or all proposals. In the event the highest dollar Offeror meeting specifications is not awarded a contract, the Offeror may appear before Commissioners' Court and present evidence concerning his responsibility.

1.21 Ownership of Proposal

All proposals become the property of Jefferson County and will not be returned to Offerors.

1.22 Disqualification of Offeror

Upon signing this proposal document, a contractor offering to sell supplies, materials, services, or equipment to Jefferson County certifies that the Offeror has not violated the antitrust laws of this state codified in Section 15.01, et seq, Business & Commerce Code, or the Federal Antitrust Laws, and has not communicated directly or indirectly the offer made to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business. Any or all proposals may be rejected if the County believes that collusion exists among the Offerors.

1.23 Contractual Development

The contents of the RFP and the selected proposal will become an integral part of the contract, but may be modified by provisions of the contract as negotiated. Therefore, the Offeror must be amenable to inclusion in a contract of any information provided (in writing) either in response to this RFP or subsequently during the selection process.

1.24 Assignment

The selected vendor may not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer this contract without written permission of the Jefferson County Commissioners' Court.

1.25 Contract Obligation

Jefferson County Commissioners' Court must award the contract, and the County Judge or other person authorized by Jefferson County Commissioners' Court must sign the contract before it becomes binding on Jefferson County or the Offeror. **Department heads are not authorized to sign agreements for Jefferson County.** Binding agreements shall remain in effect until all products and/or services covered by this proposal have been satisfactorily delivered and accepted.

1.26 Termination

Jefferson County reserves the right to terminate the contract for default if the awarded vendor breached any of the terms therein, including warranties of Offeror, or if the Offeror becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies Jefferson County may have in law or equity. Default may be construed as, but not limited to, failure to deliver the proper goods and/or services within the proper amount of time, and/or to properly perform any and all other requirements to Jefferson County's satisfaction, and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements. Contracts may be terminated without cause upon thirty (30) days' written notice to either party unless otherwise specified.

1.27 Inspections

Jefferson County reserves the right to inspect any item(s) or service location(s) for compliance with specifications and requirements and needs of the using department. If a proposal cannot furnish a sample of a proposed item, where applicable, for review, or fails to satisfactorily show an ability to perform, the County can reject the Offeror as inadequate.

1.28 Testing

Jefferson County reserves the right to test equipment, supplies, material and goods proposed for quality, compliance with specifications, and ability to meet the needs of the user. Demonstration units must be available for review. Should the goods or services fail to meet requirements and/or be unavailable for evaluation, the offer is subject to rejection.

1.29 Loss, Damage, or Claim

The Offeror shall totally indemnify Jefferson County against all claims by its employees, agents, or representatives or personal injury arising from any cause. In addition, the Offeror shall totally indemnify Jefferson County against all claims of loss or damage to the Offeror's and Jefferson County's property, equipment, and/or supplies.

1.30 Taxes

The contractor and its subcontractors, agents and employees, as the case may be, will be responsible for the payment of all federal, state and local taxes, and deposits or contributions imposed or required by law.

1.31 Non-Discrimination

The successful offeror will be required to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act and with all provisions of federal, state, county and local (if any) laws and regulations to ensure that no employee or applicant for employment is discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin.

1.32 Conflict of Interest

The agreement entered into pursuant to this RFP will contain the Contractor's warranty that, except for bona-fide employees or selling agents maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business, no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit this contract upon an agreement or understanding for commission, percentage or contingency.

Further, the contractor will warrant that no kickbacks, gratuities, or contingency fees have been paid in connection with this RFP or contract and none has been promised contingent upon the award of contract. And, will still further warrant that to its knowledge and best belief, no one being paid under the agreement between the County and the contractor, is engaged in any activities which would constitute a conflict of interest with respect to the purposes of said agreement.

1.33 Waiver of Subrogation

Offeror and Offeror's insurance carrier waive any and all rights whatsoever with regard to subrogation against Jefferson County as an indirect party to any suit arising out of personal or property damages resulting from the Offeror's performance under this agreement.

1.34 Delivery of Proposals

All proposals are to be delivered by 11:00 AM CT, Wednesday, May 20, 2020, to:

**Jefferson County Purchasing Department
Attention: Deborah L. Clark, Purchasing Agent
1149 Pearl Street, 1st Floor
Beaumont, Texas 77701**

Courthouse Security: Offerors are advised that all visitors to the Courthouse must pass through Security. Offerors planning to hand deliver proposal must allow time to get through Security, as a delay in entering the Courthouse will not be accepted as an excuse for late submittal. Mondays and Tuesdays are particularly heavy days. Offerors are strongly urged to plan accordingly.

County Holidays – 2020:

January 1	Wednesday	New Year's
January 20	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 17	Monday	President's Day
April 10	Friday	Good Friday
May 25	Monday	Memorial Day
July 3	Friday	Independence Day
September 7	Monday	Labor Day
November 11	Wednesday	Veteran's Day
November 26 & 27	Thursday & Friday	Thanksgiving
December 24 & 25	Thursday & Friday	Christmas

Jefferson County will not accept any proposals received after the stated time and date, and shall return such proposals unopened to the Offeror.

Jefferson County will not accept any responsibility for proposals being delivered by third party carriers.

Proposal Submissions shall be tightly sealed in an opaque envelope or box and plainly marked "SEALED PROPOSAL." The outside of the envelope or box shall also include: Proposal Number, Proposal Name, Proposal Due Date, Offeror's Name and Address; and shall be addressed to the Purchasing Agent.

Proposals will be opened publicly in a manner to avoid public disclosure of contents; however, only names of Offerors will be read aloud.

1.35 Proposal Submissions During Time of Inclement Weather, Disaster, or Emergency

In case of inclement weather or any other unforeseen event causing the County to close for business on the date of a bid/proposal/request for statement of qualifications submission deadline, the bid/proposal/request closing will automatically be postponed until the next business day that County offices are open to the public. Should inclement weather conditions or any other unforeseen event cause delays in courier service operations, the County may issue an addendum to all known vendors interested in the project to extend the deadline. It will be the responsibility of the vendor to notify the county of their interest in the project should these conditions impact their ability to submit a bid/proposal/statement of qualifications submission before the stated deadline. The County reserves the right to make the final judgement call to extend any deadline.

Should an emergency or unanticipated event interrupt normal County processes, and bid/proposal/statement of qualifications submissions cannot be received by the Jefferson County Purchasing Department's office by the exact time specified in the RFP and urgent County requirements preclude amendment to the RFP, the time specified for receipt of proposal will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first business day on which normal County processes resume.

1.36 Questions

In the event your firm desires additional information, Jefferson County will endeavor to provide such information; however, Jefferson County will not be responsible for any delay resulting in the respondent's inability to meet the deadline for submission of the Statement of Qualifications.

Questions or requests for additional information must be received in writing via email by 5:00 pm, Monday, May 11, 2020.

Please direct all inquiries for this solicitation to Jamey West, Assistant Purchasing Agent at 409-835-8593 or e-mail at: jwest@co.jefferson.tx.us

1.37 Tentative Schedule of Events

April 14, 2020	Issuance of Request for Proposal
May 11, 2020	Deadline for Questions/Requests for Additional Information
May 20, 2020	Deadline Submission (late proposals will not be considered)
Week of May 25, 2020	Proposals distributed to Evaluation Committee
Week of June 1, 2020	Evaluation Committee Convenes to Tabulate Scoring and Determines Short List
Week of June 8, 2020	Conduct Interview/Best and Final Offer/Short List
Week of June 15, 2020	Recommendation for Award

Please note:

The above schedule of events is *tentative* in nature. Dates listed are subject to change.

2. Response Format

2.1 Introduction

Each proposal submitted in response to this RFP must be organized to correspond with those numbered sections of this RFP that require a response. Failure to arrange the proposal as requested may result in the disqualification of the proposal. Conciseness and clarity of content are emphasized and encouraged. Vague and general proposals will be considered non-responsive, and will result in disqualification. The response must be complete. Failure to provide the required information may result in the disqualification of the proposal. All pages of the proposal must be numbered and the proposal must contain an organized, paginated table of contents corresponding to the sections and pages of the proposal.

The County requests that proposal submissions NOT be bound by staples or glued spines.

2.2 Organization of Proposal Contents

Each proposal must be organized in the manner described below.

- a. Transmittal Letter
- b. Executive Summary
- c. Table of Contents
- d. Offeror Identifying Information
- e. Offeror Personnel and Organization
- f. Project Requirements
- g. Cost Proposal (Utilizing Form Provided on Page 34)
- h. Other information that may be helpful in the evaluation

2.3 Transmittal Letter

The Offeror must submit a transmittal letter that identifies the entity submitting the proposal, and includes a commitment by that entity to provide the services required by the County. The transmittal letter must state that the proposal is valid for ninety (90) days from the deadline for delivery of proposals to the County. Any proposal containing a term of less than ninety (90) days for acceptance will be rejected as non-responsive.

The transmittal letter must be signed by a person legally authorized to bind the Offeror to the representations in the response. In the case of a joint proposal, each party must sign the transmittal letter. The Offeror also must indicate, in its transmittal letter, why it believes that it is the most qualified Offeror to provide the services described in this RFP.

The transmittal letter must include a statement of acceptance of the terms and conditions of the contract resulting from this RFP. If Offeror takes exception to any of the proposed terms and conditions stated in this RFP, those exceptions must be noted in the transmittal letter.

However, Offeror must realize that failure to accept the terms specified in this proposal may result in disqualification of the proposal.

2.4 Executive Summary

The Offeror must provide an executive summary of its proposal that asserts that the Offeror is providing in its response all of the requirements of this RFP. The executive summary must not exceed three (3) pages, and must represent a full and concise summary of the contents of the proposal. The executive summary must not include any information concerning the cost of the proposal. The Offeror must identify any services that are provided beyond those specifically requested. If the Offeror is providing services that do not meet the specific requirements of this RFP, but in the opinion of the Offeror are equivalent or superior to those specifically requested, any such differences must be noted in the executive summary. However, the Offeror must realize that failure to provide the services specifically required may result in disqualification of the proposal.

2.5 Table of Contents

Each proposal must be submitted with a table of contents that clearly identifies and denotes the location of each title and subtitle of the proposal. Additionally, the table of contents must clearly identify and denote the location of all enclosures of the proposal. The table of contents must follow the RFP's structure as much as is practical.

2.6 Offeror Identifying Information

Offerors must provide the following identifying information:

- a. Name and address of business entity submitting the proposal;
- b. Type of business entity (i.e., corporation, partnership);
- c. Place of incorporation, if applicable;
- d. Name and location of major offices and other facilities that relate to the Offeror's performance under the terms of this RFP;
- e. Name, address, business and fax number of the Offeror's principal contact person regarding all contractual matters relating to this RFP;
- f. The Offeror's Federal Employer Identification Number, Jefferson County Vendor Number and Jefferson County Business License Number, if any;
- g. Full name and address for each member, partner, and employee of the Offeror (and any subcontractors) who will perform services on this project; and
- h. A statement regarding the financial stability of the Offeror, including the ability of the Offeror to perform the functions required by this RFP and to provide those services represented by the Offeror in its response.

2.7 Conflict of Interest

Each Offeror must disclose any existing or potential conflict of interest relative to the performance of the requirements of this RFP. Examples of potential conflicts may include an existing business or personal relationship between the Offeror, its principal, or any affiliate or subcontractor, with the County or any other entity or person involved in any way in the project that is the subject of this RFP. Similarly, any personal or business relationship between the Offeror, the principals, or any affiliate or subcontractor, with any employee of the County or its suppliers must be disclosed. Any such relationship that might be perceived or represented as a conflict must be disclosed. Failure to disclose any such relationship or reveal personal relationships with state employees may be cause for contract termination. The County will decide if an actual or perceived conflict should result in proposal disqualification.

Each Offeror must reveal any past or existing relationship between the Offeror, its principal, employees, or any affiliate or subcontractor, with any county agency, entity, county employee, or other person in anyway involved in the county's procurement and/or contracting processes. It shall be the sole prerogative of the County to determine if such relationship constitutes a conflict of interest.

By submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, all Offerors affirm that they have not given, nor intend to give, at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant or any employee or representative of same, in connection with this procurement.

2.8 Confidential/Proprietary Information

If any material in the proposal submission is considered by Offeror to be confidential or proprietary information (including manufacturing and/or design processes exclusive to the Offeror), Offeror must clearly mark the applicable pages of Offeror's proposal submission to indicate each claim of confidentiality. Additionally, Offeror must include a statement on company letterhead identifying all Proposal section(s) and page(s) that have been marked as confidential. Jefferson County will protect from public disclosure such portions of a proposal, unless directed otherwise by legal authority, including existing open records acts. Merely making a blanket claim that the entire proposal submission is protected from disclosure because it contains some proprietary information is not acceptable, and will make the entire proposal submission subject to release under the Texas Public Information Act.

By submitting a proposal, Offeror agrees to reproduction by Jefferson County, without cost or liability, of any copyrighted portions of Offeror's proposal submission or other information submitted by Offeror.

**FAILURE BY OFFEROR TO INCLUDE ALL LISTED ITEMS
MAY RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF ITS PROPOSAL.**

3. General Response Requirements

3.1 Objective

Each proposal must include a detailed work plan that addresses how work for Jefferson County would be performed. It shall include detailed personnel assignments. A detailed description of major deliverables to be provided must also be included.

The proposal must include a sample timeline for the completion of each major task included in the proposal to the extent practicable, as well as projected completion dates for each major activity required. All proposals submitted in response to this RFP become the property of Jefferson County.

3.2 Offeror Experience

The successful Offeror must demonstrate extensive experience in and understanding of the nature of research and analysis required in order to carry out the intent of this project.

The proposal must identify all key personnel who are to be part of the proposed consultant team and detail their experience. Jefferson County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to approve each member of the team and to request substitutions.

The Offeror must describe in detail the current and historical experience the Offeror and its subcontractors have that would be relevant to completing the project. The Offeror must provide descriptions and references for all engagements of comparable complexity and sensitivity to the requirements of this RFP that have been conducted within the past five (5) years. References must contain the name of key contacts and a telephone number.

The description of experience must be detailed and cover all relevant contracts that the Offeror and its subcontractors, as applicable, have had and all experience similar to this contract that qualifies the Offeror to meet the requirements of this contract. Included must be the names, titles, addresses, and current telephone numbers of organizations that may be contacted to verify qualifying experience. The Offeror must indicate whether the organizations so listed are included for the purpose of verifying the Offeror's qualifying experience, or the qualifying experience of its subcontractors. Each experience statement also must include the name and types of services directly provided by the Offeror under the contract, and whether the Offeror was the contractor or subcontractor.

The Offeror must briefly state why it believes its proposed services best meet the County's needs and RFP requirements, and the Offeror also must concisely describe any additional features, aspects, or advantages of its services in any relevant area not covered elsewhere in its proposal.

3.3 Offeror Personnel and Organization

The Offeror must provide resumes of all key personnel that will be involved in performing the project, and must provide for each person:

- a. Full name (including full middle name);
- b. An employment history;
- c. A specific description of relevant experience and skills that person has in connection with the conduct of financial advisory services that is the subject of this RFP (limit one page);
- d. A specific indication of what role the individual will have in this project; and
- e. Any additional helpful information to indicate the individual's ability to aid the Offeror in successfully performing the work involved in this RFP (limit to one page).

The resumes must present the required personnel in sufficient detail as to provide the County an indication that the personnel involved can perform the work specified in this RFP. All proposed personnel will be subject to the County approval.

Jefferson County is committed to using the selected Performance Review Company according to reasonable and well-planned timeframes, to the extent possible. Jefferson County is committed to making available its personnel in a similar manner to enable the Performance Review team able to perform its duties in a timely basis. Each Offeror is required to make a statement as to the availability of key personnel to Jefferson County when required.

The key personnel who are to work on this project, identified in the proposal as such, are considered to be essential to the services to be provided. No substitutions of key personnel following contract award will be made without the prior written consent of Jefferson County Commissioners' Court. All requested substitutes must be submitted to the Jefferson County Commissioners' Court, or, together with their resumes, for approval.

Each of the successful Offeror's personnel is subject to removal from this project by Jefferson County Commissioners' Court. In addition, if the person removed is among the project's key personnel, the replacement must be approved by Jefferson County Commissioners' Court. All replacements of key personnel will be paid at the same rate as the person who was replaced, unless the rate normally charged by the replacement is lower, in which case the lower rate will be paid. All replacements of key personnel must be of equal or superior experience as the person replaced.

If applicable, each Offeror must provide a detailed statement setting forth the proposed hourly billing rate for all key personnel, and for each additional staff member to be assigned to the project. The hours each of the key personnel and other staff members are projected to work on the project.

Each Offeror must provide any equipment, software, or data communication lines required by the successful Offeror's personnel to complete the work specified in this document. Each Offeror also must identify any personnel related through blood or marriage to the County or to any current employee of the County.

Each Offeror must provide an organizational chart covering the services offered in its proposal, indicating lines of authority, names, titles, and functions of individuals assigned. The Offeror must assign a contact person to the project.

4. Proposal Submittal Requirements:

The Proposal is due no later than 11:00 AM CT, Wednesday, May 20, 2020, and shall include the following:

- Cover sheet identifying the contract/project being proposed, the name and address of Offeror, the date of the proposal, and the telephone and facsimile numbers of Offeror.
- An acknowledgment and/or response to each section of the proposal.
- Form of business (e.g., corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership); if corporation the date and state of incorporation.
- Identification of three (3) entities for which the Offeror is providing or has provided Grant Administration and Management Services of the type requested, including the name, position, and telephone number of a contact person at each entity.
- Identification of all legal claims, demands, contracts terminated or lawsuits filed, threatened, or pending against the Offeror and/or its principal/officers for the last three (3) years, as well as identification of any administrative actions or warnings taken or issued by any federal, state, or local governmental agency to Offeror and/or its principals/officers with regard to the provision of the same or similar service as covered by this RFP, or the payment of moneys under the terms of any agreement(s) relating to such services.
- One (1) original and Five (5) proposal copies; with all copies to include a completed copy of this specifications packet **in its entirety** and any other documentation requested within these specifications, should be mailed or delivered to:

Jefferson County Purchasing Department
1149 Pearl Street, 1st Floor
Beaumont, TX 77701

- Explanations, exceptions, comments, etc., pertaining to the specific sections of the specifications. All comments shall be listed and numbered in order of the respective article of the specification.

5. Proposal Evaluation and Selection Process

5.1 Introduction

The proposal evaluation and selection process is detailed in this section, as are other factors, and the format in which the cost response of each proposal must be submitted.

5.2 Cost Proposal

The Offeror must utilize the form provided (Page 34) in its submission of a cost proposal in response to this RFP. The cost proposal must be included in each copy of the proposal. Any reworked version of the form provided by Offeror that is intended to be a substitute for the form provided may be determined as non-responsive, and may result in the proposal's disqualification.

5.3 Proposal Evaluation and Selection

Prior to the release of proposals, the County will establish an Evaluation Committee.

The Evaluation Committee *may elect* to require an oral presentation from each qualified Offeror of the information contained in their proposal. Any invitation for an oral presentation will be solely for the purpose of clarifying proposals received from each qualifying Offeror, and will not represent any decision on the part of the evaluation committee as to the selection of a successful Offeror.

Upon completion of their review and any oral presentations, the Evaluation Committee will convene one or more times to discuss the proposals as a group. Each Evaluation Committee member will individually score each proposal independently. Jefferson County Purchasing Department will collect all scores and aggregate the scores of all Committee members. The Purchasing Department will then prepare a report identifying the proposal that scored the highest in the selection process according to the evaluation criteria described in this RFP and

Upon the selection of an apparent successful Offeror, the Court shall appoint the Purchasing Agent to proceed with contract negotiations and attempt to finalize a written contract with the apparent successful Offeror. If a contract cannot be successfully negotiated within a reasonable period of time, negotiations will be terminated, and negotiations with the next highest-ranking Offeror may commence. This process may continue until a contract is signed or the RFP is withdrawn. However, the County may, in its sole judgment and at any time upon failure of negotiations, choose to reissue or withdraw the RFP rather than continue with negotiations. A notice of award will be sent to all Offeror s immediately following execution of a written contract.

Key staff of the County will be available to the successful Offeror on a reasonable basis, but may not be available on holidays or weekends.

RFP for Administration Professional Services

Scope of Work & Special Requirements

Jefferson County plans to apply for Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and is soliciting proposals to provide administration and/or planning services for CDBG-MIT contract(s), if awarded. The County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals and may award one or more contracts to one or more service provider(s).

I. Scope of Work

Administration Services

A sample detailed Scope of Services for CDBG administration services provided by the GLO is enclosed in this specifications packet. 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 local government 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 activity 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

- 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, including, if necessary, a **brief** description of each task.

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

II. Statement of Qualifications

The County 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;
- Related experience in applying for and managing federally-funded local projects, in particular recent experience;

- 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 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; and
- 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 Services

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) included in this packet: Required RFP Forms. The specific projects and grant amounts are yet to be determined; therefore, vendors should propose pricing based on the potential funding amounts provided.

The local government 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.

III. Evaluation Criteria

The proposal received will be evaluated and ranked according to the following criteria and using the rating sheet enclosed:

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

IV. 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). Note that Jefferson County may in its sole discretion determine whether or not a conflict disqualifies a firm, and/or whether or not a conflict mitigation plan is acceptable.
 - **System for Award Management.** Service provider and its Principals, may not be debarred or suspended nor 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). Enclose a print out of the search results that includes the record date.
 - **Form CIQ**, (enclosed). 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. Questionnaire form CIQ is included in the RFP and must be submitted with the response.
 - **Certification Regarding Lobbying** (enclosed). Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements is included in the RFP and must be submitted with the response.
 - **Form 1295**, (enclosed). Effective January 1, 2016, all contracts and contract amendments, extensions, or renewals executed by the Commissioners Court will require the completion of Form 1295 "Certificate of Interested Parties" pursuant to Government Code § 2252.908. Form 1295 must be completed by awarded vendor at time of signed contract submission. Form 1295 is included in this RFP for your information.
 - **Required Contract Provisions.** Applicable provisions (enclosed) must be included in all contracts executed as a result of this RFP.
1. 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](tel: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](https://www.wbca-texas.org/locations/houston)
[713-681-9232](tel:713-681-9232)
wbc@wbea-texas.org

LiftFund - Dallas Fort Worth Women's Business Center
[8828 N. Stemmons Fwy, Suite 142, Dallas, TX 75247](https://www.liftfund.com/locations/dallas)
[888-215-2373](tel:888-215-2373)
wbcdfw@liffund.com

LiftFund - San Antonio Women's Business Center
[600 Soledad St., San Antonio, TX 78205](https://www.liftfund.com/locations/san-antonio)
[888-215-2373](tel:888-215-2373)
wbc@liffund.com

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

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 sub-recipient'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.

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	_____
Subtotal, Experience	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	_____
Subtotal, Performance	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	_____
Subtotal, Capacity to Perform	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 \$ _____ $A \div B \times 20 = \text{Respondent's Score}$	20	_____
B = Respondent's Proposal \$ _____	20	_____

TOTAL SCORE

<u>Factors</u>	<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	_____
Total Score	100	_____

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.

Jefferson County 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hurricane Harvey Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2015 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)			N/A	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2016 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)			N/A	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Mitigation (for declared counties)			N/A	N/A	

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hurricane Harvey Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2015 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)			N/A	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2016 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)			N/A	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Mitigation (for declared counties)			N/A	N/A	

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hurricane Harvey Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2015 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)			N/A	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2016 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)			N/A	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Mitigation (for declared counties)			N/A	N/A	

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hurricane Harvey Mitigation (for declared counties)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2015 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)			N/A	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2016 Floods Mitigation (for declared counties)			N/A	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Mitigation (for declared counties)			N/A	N/A	

Offeror Must Complete and Return This Page With Offer.

Insert Certificate of Insurance

Insert System for Award Management (SAM) record search for company name and company principal

Non-Disclosure Agreement

In consideration of Jefferson County retaining the services of a consultant and because of the sensitivity of certain information which may come under the care and control of Consultant, both parties agree that all information regarding the County or any selected County agency subject to this Contract; or gathered, produced, or derived from this project (Confidential Information) must remain confidential subject to release only by permission of the County, and more specifically agree as follows:

Media releases pertaining to this RFP and/or any resulting contract, or the services to which they relate, will not be made without the prior written consent of the County, and then only in accordance with explicit written instructions from the County. The disclosure of the contents of proposals prior to the award of a contract under this RFP, or any other violation of this section, may result in disqualification.

1. The Information may be used by Consultant only to assist Consultant in connection with its engagement with the County.
2. Consultant will not, at any time, use the Information in any fashion, form, or manner except in its capacity as independent consultant to the County.
3. Consultant agrees to maintain the confidentiality of any and all deliverables resulting from this Contract in the same manner that it protects the confidentiality of its own proprietary products of like kind.
4. The Information may not be copied or reproduced without the County's written consent.
5. All materials made available to Consultant, including copies thereof, must be returned to County upon the first to occur of; (a) completion of the project, or (b) request by the County.
6. The foregoing must not prohibit or limit Consultant use of the information (including, but not limited to, ideas, concepts, know-how, techniques and methodologies) (a) previously known to it, (b) independently developed by it, (c) acquired by it from a third party, or (d) which is or becomes part of the public domain through no breach to Consultant of this agreement.
7. This agreement shall become effective as of the date Information is first made available to Consultant and must survive the contract and be a continuing requirement.
8. The breach of this Nondisclosure Agreement by Consultant shall entitle the County to immediately terminate the Agreement upon written notice to Contractor for such breach. The parties acknowledge that the measure of damages in the event of a breach of this Nondisclosure Agreement may be difficult or impossible to calculate, depending on the nature of the breach. Regardless of whether the County elects to terminate the Agreement upon the breach hereof, the County may require Consultant to pay to the County the sum of \$1,000 for each breach as liquidated damages. This amount is not intended to be in the nature of a penalty, but is intended to be a reasonable estimate of the amount of damages to the County in the event of a breach hereof by Consultant. Comptroller does not waive any right to seek additional relief, either equitable or otherwise, concerning any breach of this Agreement.

[Printed Name of Consultant]

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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Vendor References

Please list at least three (3) companies or governmental agencies (preferably a municipality) where the same or similar products and/or services as contained in this specification package were recently provided.

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR OFFER.

REFERENCE ONE

Government/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____ Contract Period: _____

Scope of Work: _____

REFERENCE TWO

Government/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____ Contract Period: _____

Scope of Work: _____

REFERENCE THREE

Government/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____ Contract Period: _____

Scope of Work: _____

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Signature Page

As permitted under Article 4413 (32c) V.A.C.S., other governmental entities may wish to participate under the same terms and conditions contained in this contract (i.e., piggyback). In the event any other entity participates, all purchase orders will be issued directly from and shipped directly to the entity requiring supplies/services. Jefferson County shall not be held responsible for any orders placed, deliveries made or payment for supplies/services ordered by another entity. Each entity reserves the right to determine their participation in this contract.

Would Offeror be willing to allow other governmental entities to piggyback off this contract, if awarded, under the same terms and conditions? **Yes** **No**

This offer shall remain in effect for ninety (90) days from proposal opening and shall be exclusive of federal excise and state and local sales tax (exempt).

The undersigned agrees, if this proposal is accepted, to furnish any and all items upon which prices are offered, at the price and upon the terms and conditions contained in the Request for Proposal, Conditions of Request for Proposal, Terms of Contract, and Specifications and all other items made a part of the accepted contract.

The undersigned affirms that they are duly authorized to execute the contract, that this company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual has not prepared this proposal in collusion with any other Offeror, and that the contents of this proposal as to prices, terms or conditions of said proposal have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any other Offeror or to any other person(s) engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this proposal. And further, that neither the Offeror nor their employees nor agents have been for the past six (6) months directly nor indirectly concerned in any pool or agreement or combination to control the price of goods or services on, nor to influence any person to submit a proposal or not to submit a proposal thereon.

Offeror (Entity Name)

Signature

Street & Mailing Address

Print Name

City, State & Zip

Date Signed

Telephone Number

Fax Number

E-mail Address

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) the vendor:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) the date that the vendor:

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

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

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

Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For vendor doing business with local governmental entity		FORM CIQ		
<p>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;">OFFICE USE ONLY</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Date Received</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		OFFICE USE ONLY	Date Received
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<p>1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.</p>				
<p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(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.)</p>				
<p>3 Name of local government officer about whom the information in this section is being disclosed.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Name of Officer</p> <p>This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C, & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the vendor has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.</p> <p>A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p> <p>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 named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p> <p>C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by 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?</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p> <p>D. Describe each employment or business and family relationship with the local government officer named in this section.</p>				
<p>4</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 20px 0;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin: 20px 0;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Date</p>				

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Local Government Officer Conflicts Disclosure Statement - OFFICE USE ONLY

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT		FORM CIS
This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session. This is the notice to the appropriate local governmental entity that the following local government officer has become aware of facts that require the officer to file this statement in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code.		OFFICE USE ONLY
1	Name of Local Government Officer	Date Received
2	Office Held	
3	Name of vendor described by Sections 176.001(7) and 176.003(a), Local Government Code	
4	Description of the nature and extent of employment or other business relationship with vendor named in item 3	
5	List gifts accepted by the local government officer and any family member, if aggregate value of the gifts accepted from vendor named in item 3 exceeds \$100 during the 12-month period described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B).	
Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____ Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____ Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____ <p style="text-align: center;">(attach additional forms as necessary)</p>		
6	AFFIDAVIT I swear under penalty of perjury that the above statement is true and correct. I acknowledge that the disclosure applies to each family member (as defined by Section 176.001(2), Local Government Code) of this local government officer. I also acknowledge that this statement covers the 12-month period described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), Local Government Code.	
_____ Signature of Local Government Officer		
AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE		
Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said _____, this the _____ day of _____, 20 _____, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.		
_____ Signature of officer administering oath Printed name of officer administering oath Title of officer administering oath		

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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

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

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether sub-awardee 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 sub-awardee, e.g., the first sub-awardee 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 "Sub-awardee," 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.

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)

Type of Federal Action: _____ a. contract _____ b. grant _____ c. cooperative agreement _____ d. loan _____ e. loan guarantee _____ f. loan insurance	Status of Federal Action: _____ a. bid/offer/application _____ b. initial award _____ c. post-award	Report Type: _____ a. initial filing _____ b. material change
Name and Address of Reporting Entity: _____ Prime _____ Subawardee Tier _____, if Known: Congressional District, if known:	If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: Congressional District, if known:	
Federal Department/Agency:	7. Federal Program Name/Description: CFDA Number, <i>if applicable</i> : _____	
Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$ _____	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i>	b. Individuals Performing Services <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i>	
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.	Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____	
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(To be completed by awarded vendor)

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES		FORM 1295	
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.		OFFICE USE ONLY	
1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.		Must file online at www.ethics.state.tx.us/File	
2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.			
3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.			
4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Controlling	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediary
5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party. <input type="checkbox"/>			
6 UNSWORN DECLARATION My name is _____, and my date of birth is _____. My address: _____ (street), _____ (city), _____ (state), _____ (zip code), _____ (country). I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 20_____. (month) (year)			
_____ Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity (Declarant)			
ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY			

REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS

Italics – Explanatory; not contract language

All Contracts

THRESHOLD	PROVISION	CITATION
None	(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.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (H)
None	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.	2 CFR 200.336 (former 24 CFR 85.36(i)(10))
None	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.	2 CFR 200.333 (former 24 CFR (85.36(i)(11))
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</p>	<p><u>Chapter 176</u> of the Local Government Code</p>

	<p>aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date 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; 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>>\$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>Use the following language for contracts > \$ 10,000:</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</p>	<p>2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II(B)</p>

	<p>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 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>>\$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>Use the following language for contracts > \$50,000:</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>

Option Contract Language for Procurement before Grant Funds Awarded	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.	2 CFR 200.319(a)
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Additional provisions for administration & engineering contracts associated with construction contracts

THRESHOLD	PROVISION	CITATION
>\$10,000	<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 > \$10,000:</i></p> <p>§60-1.4(b) Equal opportunity clause.</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,</i></p>	<p>41 CFR §60-1.4(b) And 2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (C)</p>

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.

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

	<p>the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.</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>>\$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>24 CFR §135.38</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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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).

Construction Contracts

THRESHOLD	PROVISION	CITATION
<p>>\$2,000 for Davis Bacon and Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act; >\$100,000 for Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act</p>	<p><i>HUD 4010 Federal labor standards provisions include:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Davis Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.) as supplemented by DOL regulations (29 CFR part 5);</i> 2. <i>Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3); and</i> 3. <i>Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.)</i> <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>>\$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>>\$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</i></p>	<p>41 CFR §60-1.4(b) And 2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (C)</p>

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.”

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.

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

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

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

	<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>≥\$100,000</p>	<p>(l) 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>>\$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</p>	<p>2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (E)</p>

	<p>laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.</p>	
<p>>\$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 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</p>	<p>24 CFR §135.38</p>

	<p>the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 135.</p> <p>F. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.</p> <p>G. With respect to work performed in connection with section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this contract. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (i) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this contract that are subject to the provisions of section 3 and section 7(b) agree to comply with section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with section 7(b).</p>	
<p>>\$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>

Good Faith Effort (GFE)

DETERMINATION CHECKLIST

This information must be submitted with your proposal.

Instructions: In order to determine if a "Good Faith Effort" was made in soliciting HUBs for subcontracting opportunities, the following checklist and supporting documentation shall be completed by the Prime Contractor/Consultant, and returned with the Prime Contractor/ Consultant's bid. This list contains the **minimum** efforts that should be put forth by the Prime Contractor/Consultant when attempting to achieve or exceed the goals of HUB Subcontractor participation. The Prime Contractor/Consultant may extend his/her efforts in soliciting HUB Subcontractor participation beyond what is listed below.

Did the Prime Contractor/Consultant . . .

- Yes No 1. To the extent practical, and consistent with standard and prudent industry standards, divide the contract work into the smallest feasible portions, to allow for maximum HUB Subcontractor participation?
- Yes No 2. **Notify** in writing a reasonable number of HUBs, allowing sufficient time for effective participation of the planned work to be subcontracted?
- Yes No 3. **Provide** HUBs that were genuinely interested in bidding on a subcontractor, adequate information regarding the project (i.e., plans, specifications, scope of work, bonding and insurance requirements, and a point of contact within the Prime Contractor/Consultant's organization)?
- Yes No 4. **Negotiate** in good faith with interested HUBs, and not reject bids from HUBs that qualify as lowest and responsive bidders?
- Yes No 5. **Document** reasons HUBs were rejected? Was a written rejection notice, including the reason for rejection, provided to the rejected HUBs?
- Yes No 6. If Prime Contractor/Consultant has zero (0) HUB participation, **please explain the reasons why.**

**If "No" was selected, please explain and include any pertinent documentation with your bid.
If necessary, please use a separate sheet to answer the above questions.**

Printed Name of Authorized
Representative

Signature

Title

Date

Offeror Must Complete and Return This Page With Offer.

Notice of Intent (NOI) to Subcontract with Historically Underutilized Business (HUB)

This information must be submitted with your bid.

Bidder intends to utilize subcontractors/sub-consultants in the fulfillment of this contract (if awarded).

Yes No

Instructions for Prime Contractor/Consultant: Bidder shall submit this form with the bid; however, the information below may be submitted after contract award, but prior to beginning performance on the contract. Please submit one form for each HUB Subcontractor/Sub-consultant with proper signatures, per the terms and conditions of your contract.

Contractor Name: _____ HUB: Yes No

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone (with area code): _____ Fax (with area code): _____

Project Title & No.: _____

Prime Contract Amount: \$ _____

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____

HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): _____

Certifying Agency: Tx. Bldg & Procurement Comm. Jefferson County Tx Unified Certification Prog.

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone (with area code): _____ Fax (with area code): _____

Proposed Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Percentage of Prime Contract: _____ %

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: _____

Printed Name of Contractor Representative Signature of Representative Date

Printed Name of HUB Signature of Representative Date

NOTE: NOTHING ON THIS NOTICE OF INTENT FORM IS INTENDED TO CONFER ANY RIGHTS, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, TO ANY THIRD PARTIES.

Pre-Approval for Subcontractor Substitutions must be obtained from the Jefferson County Purchasing Agent's Representative. The "HUB Subcontractor/Sub-consultant Change Form" must be completed and faxed to 409-835-8456.

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This information must be submitted with your bid.

Bidder intends to utilize subcontractors/sub-consultants in the fulfillment of this contract (if awarded).

Yes No

Prime Contractor: _____ HUB: Yes No

HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone (with area code): _____ Fax (with area code): _____

Project Title & No.: _____ IFB/RFP No.: _____

Total Contract: \$ _____ Total HUB Subcontract(s): \$ _____

Construction HUB Goals: 12.8% MBE:: _____ % 12.6% WBE: _____ %

Sub-goals: 1.7 African-American, 9.7% Hispanic, 0.7% Native American, 0.8% Asian American.
Use these goals as a guide to diversify.

FOR HUB OFFICE USE ONLY:

Verification date HUB Program Office reviewed and verified HUB Sub information Date: _____ Initials: _____

PART I. HUB SUBCONTRACTOR DISCLOSURE

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____

HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): _____

Certifying Agency: Texas Bldg & Procurement Comm. Texas Unified Certification Prog.

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

Phone (with area code): _____ Fax (with area code): _____

Proposed Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Percentage of Prime Contract: _____ %

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: _____

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HUB SUBCONTRACTOR DISCLOSURE

PART I: Continuation Sheet

(Duplicate as Needed)

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____

HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): _____

Certifying Agency: Tx. Bldg & Procurement Comm. Jefferson County Tx Unified Certification Prog.

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

Phone (with area code): _____ Fax (with area code): _____

Proposed Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Percentage of Prime Contract: _____ %

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: _____

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____

HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): _____

Certifying Agency: Tx. Bldg & Procurement Comm. Jefferson County Tx Unified Certification Prog.

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

Phone (with area code): _____ Fax (with area code): _____

Proposed Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Percentage of Prime Contract: _____ %

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: _____

**All HUB Subcontractor Participation may be verified with the
HUB Subcontractor(s) listed on Part I.**

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PART II: STATEMENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE FOR NOT MEETING HUB SUBCONTRACTING GOALS

Please complete Good Faith Effort (GFE) Checklist and attach any supporting documentation.

Our firm was unable to meet the HUB goals for this project for the following reasons:

- All subcontractors to be utilized are "Non-HUBs." (Complete Part III)
- HUBs were solicited but did not respond.
- HUBs solicited were not competitive.
- HUBs were unavailable for the following trade(s):
- Other: _____

Was the Jefferson County HUB Office contacted for assistance in locating HUBs? Yes No

PART III: DISCLOSURE OF OTHER "NON-HUB" SUBCONTRACTS

The bidder shall use this area to provide a listing of all "Non-HUB" Subcontractors, including suppliers, that will perform under this project. A list of those "Non-HUB" Subcontractors the bidder selects, after bid submission, shall be provided to the Purchasing Office not later than five (5) calendar days after being notified that bidder is the apparent low bidder. A list of those "Non-HUB" Subcontractors that are selected after contract award must be provided **immediately** after their selection.

Subcontractor Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

Phone (with area code): _____ Fax (with area code): _____

Proposed Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Percentage of Prime Contract: _____ %

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: _____

Subcontractor Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

Phone (with area code): _____ Fax (with area code): _____

Proposed Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Percentage of Prime Contract: _____ %

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: _____

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Subcontractor Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

Phone (with area code): _____ Fax (with area code): _____

Proposed Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Percentage of Prime Contract: _____ %

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: _____

Subcontractor Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

Phone (with area code): _____ Fax (with area code): _____

Proposed Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Percentage of Prime Contract: _____ %

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: _____

I hereby certify that I have read the *HUB Program Instructions and Information*, truthfully completed all applicable parts of this form, and **attached any necessary support documentation as required**. I fully understand that intentionally falsifying information on this document may result in my not receiving a contract award or termination of any resulting contract.

Name (print or type): _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

E-mail address: _____

Contact person that will be in charge of invoicing for this project:

Name (print or type): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

E-mail address: _____

Offeror Must Complete and Return This Page With Offer.

Residence Certification/Tax Form

Pursuant to Texas Government Code §2252.001 *et seq.*, as amended, Jefferson County requests Resident Certification. §2252.001 *et seq.* of the Government Code provides some restrictions on the awarding of governmental contracts; pertinent provisions of §2252.001 are stated below:

- (3) "Nonresident bidder" refers to a person who is not a resident.

- (4) "Resident bidder" refers to a person whose principal place of business is in this state, including a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in this state.

- I certify that _____ [company name] is a Resident Bidder of Texas as defined in Government Code §2252.001.

- I certify that _____ [company name] is a Nonresident Bidder as defined in Government Code §2252.001 and our principal place of business is _____ (city and state).

Taxpayer Identification Number (T.I.N.):	
Company Name submitting bid/proposal:	
Mailing address:	
If you are an individual, list the names and addresses of any partnership of which you are a general partner:	

Property: List all taxable property owned by you or above partnerships in Jefferson County.

Jefferson County Tax Acct. No.*	Property address or location**

* This is the property amount identification number assigned by the Jefferson County Appraisal District.
 ** For real property, specify the property address or legal description. For business property, specify the address where the property is located. For example, office equipment will normally be at your office, but inventory may be stored as a warehouse or other location.

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House Bill 89 Verification

I, _____, the undersigned representative of (company or business name) _____ (heretofore referred to as company) being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, after being duly sworn by the undersigned notary, do hereby depose and verify under oath that the company named above, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2270:

1. Does not boycott Israel currently; and
2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

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

Signature of Company Representative

Date

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, personally appeared

_____, the above named person, who after by me being duly sworn, did swear and confirm that the above is true and correct.

Notary Seal

Notary Signature

Date

Bidder Shall Return Completed Form with Offer.

Senate Bill 252 Certification

On this day, I, Deborah L. Clark, Purchasing Agent for Jefferson County, Texas, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 2252, Section 2252.152 and Section 2252.153, certify that I did review the website of the Comptroller of the State of Texas concerning the listing of companies that is identified under Section 806.051, Section 807.051, or Section 2253.253 and I have ascertained that the below named company is not contained on said listing of companies which do business with Iran, Sudan, or any Foreign Terrorist Organization.

Company Name

IFB/RFP/RFQ number

Certification check performed by:

Purchasing Representative

Date

Bidder Shall Return Completed Form with Offer.

Bid Affidavit

The undersigned certifies that the bid prices contained in this bid have been carefully reviewed and are submitted as correct and final. Bidder further certifies and agrees to furnish any and/or all commodities upon which prices are extended at the price offered, and upon the conditions contained in the specifications and the Notice to Bidders.

STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the State of _____,

on this day personally appeared _____, who
(name)

after being by me duly sworn, did depose and say:

"I, _____ am a duly authorized officer of/agent
(name)
for _____ and have been duly authorized to execute the
(name of firm)
foregoing on behalf of the said _____.
(name of firm)

I hereby certify that the foregoing bid has not been prepared in collusion with any other bidder or other person or persons engaged in the same line of business prior to the official opening of this bid. Further, I certify that the bidder is not now, nor has been for the past six (6) months, directly or indirectly concerned in any pool or agreement or combination, to control the price of services/commodities bid on, or to influence any person or persons to bid or not to bid thereon."

Name and address of bidder: _____

Fax: _____ Telephone# _____

by: _____ Title: _____
(print name)

Signature: _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the above-named _____ on

this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public in and for
the State of _____

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