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Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be accepted by the Jefferson County Purchasing Department for Request for Proposal (RFP 22-020/JW) Professional Grant Administration and Management Services for Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR): 2019 Infrastructure Competition 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.**

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. Respondents shall forward an original and four (4) 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 Respondents 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. Respondents are invited to attend the sealed proposal opening.

PROPOSAL NAME: Professional Grant Administration and Management Services for Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR): 2019 Infrastructure Competition for Jefferson County

PROPOSAL NUMBER: RFP 22-020/JW

DUE DATE/TIME: 11:00 am CT, Wednesday, May 25, 2022

MAIL OR DELIVER TO: Jefferson County Purchasing Department
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Any questions relating to these requirements should be directed to Jamey West, Contract Specialist via email at: jwest@co.jefferson.tx.us

Jefferson County encourages Disadvantaged Business Enterprises 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. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact our office at 409-835-8593 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah Clark". Below the signature is a circular official seal of the Jefferson County Purchasing Department.

Deborah L. Clark
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Jefferson County, Texas

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RESPONSE SUBMISSIONS:

Respondent is responsible for submitting: One (1) original and four (4) response copies; with all copies to include a completed copy of this specifications packet, in its entirety.

Additionally, Respondent shall monitor the Jefferson County Purchasing Department Website for any addenda, additional instructions, or RFP updates. <https://www.co.jefferson.tx.us/Purchasing/>

Failure to return all required documentation will result in a response being declared as non-responsive.

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

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 **Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR): 2019 Infrastructure Competition 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.

1.2 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.

1.3 GOVERNING LAW

Respondent 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.

1.4 AMBIGUITY, CONFLICT, OR OTHER ERRORS IN THE RFP

If Respondent discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in the RFP, Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent, or an error or ambiguity that reasonably should have been known to Respondent, then Respondent 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.

1.5 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.

1.6 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 Respondent contractually. If the Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent, shall be included in the proposal.

1.12 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Jefferson County reserves the right to request clarification of information submitted and to request additional information of one or more respondents.
2. Any agreement or contract resulting from this RFP shall be on forms approved by Jefferson County and shall contain, at minimum, applicable provisions of this document. Jefferson County reserves the right to reject any agreement that does not conform to this document and any County requirements and contracts.
3. The Grant Administration Firm shall not assign any interest in the contract and shall not transfer any interest in the same without prior written consent of the County.
4. No reports, information, or data given to or prepared by the Grant Administrator under contract shall be made available to any individual or organization by the Grant Administrator without the prior written approval of the County.

1.13 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.

1.14. EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Because of the diversity of the departments and activities of the County, the Purchasing Agent will appoint the Evaluation Committee for this Request for Qualifications. The Purchasing Agent may appoint a chairperson and no less than two (2) other members for the committee. Typically, the committee will consist of at least one professional in the task required, a person knowledgeable about procurement practices, and either a representative of the department requesting the project, or the department executing the project. However, this structure is not binding and subject to change at the discretion of the Purchasing Agent. Other members may be appointed to the Evaluation Committee as necessary and appropriate, but the total number of persons committee shall not exceed five (5) persons. Committee appointments shall be in writing and shall briefly describe the scope of the project and, if necessary, the primary disciplines required to accomplish the project in order to assist the committee in developing a list of firms that might best accomplish the work required. Committee membership and project requirements will vary from project to project. Therefore, a firm rated number one for one project could be considered not qualified or ranked lower on another project.

1.15. EVALUATION PROCESS

RFP Responses that do not conform to the instructions or which do not address all the services as specified within this RFP specifications packet may be eliminated from consideration. However, Jefferson County reserves the right to accept such a response if it is determined to be in the best interest of the County.

While Jefferson County appreciates a brief, straight-forward, and concise reply; Respondent must fully understand that the evaluation is based on the information provided. Accuracy and completeness are essential. Omissions, ambiguous, and equivocal statements may be construed against the respondent. The RFP response may be incorporated into any contract which results from this RFP, and vendor(s) are cautioned not to make claims or statements it is not prepared to commit to contractually. Failure of the vendor to meet such claims will result in a requirement that the vendor provide resources necessary to meet submitted claims.

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 Respondent. 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.

The Jefferson County Purchasing Department may initiate discussions with selected vendors; however, discussions may not be initiated by vendors.

The Jefferson County Purchasing Department expects to conduct discussions with vendor's representatives authorized to contractually obligate the vendor with an offer. Vendors shall not contact any Jefferson County personnel during the RFP process without the express permission from the Jefferson County Purchasing Agent. The Purchasing Agent may disqualify any vendor who has made site visits, contacted Jefferson County personnel, or distributed any literature without authorization from the Jefferson County Purchasing Department.

All correspondence relating to this RFP, from advertisement to award shall be sent to the Jefferson County Purchasing Department. All presentations and/or meetings between Jefferson County and the vendor relating to this RFP shall be coordinated by the Jefferson County Purchasing Department.

Selected vendors may be expected to make a presentation/product demonstration to an Evaluation Committee. Proposals, vendor presentations, and product/service evaluations may develop into negotiating sessions with the vendor(s) as selected by the Evaluation Committee. Jefferson County expects to conduct negotiations with vendor representatives authorized to contractually obligate the vendor with an offer. If vendor is unable to agree to contract terms and conditions, Jefferson County reserves the right to terminate contract negotiations with that vendor and initiate negotiations with another vendor. In addition to a presentation, visits by the Evaluation Committee to representative vendor client sites may be conducted where the proposed solution can be demonstrated in a production environment.

1.16. LAWS AND REGULATIONS

A. The Grant Administration Firm(s) must comply with all laws, ordinances, and rules and regulations which govern the work specified in this contract.

1.17. INSURANCE

The contractor (including any and all subcontractors as defined in Section 1.17 below) shall, at all times during the term of this contract, maintain insurance coverages with not less than the type and requirements shown below. Such insurance is to be provided at the sole cost of the contractor. These requirements do not establish limits of the contractor's liability.

All policies of insurance shall waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, employees and agents; a copy of the policy wording or endorsement is required.

Contractor shall furnish Jefferson County with Certificate of Insurance naming Jefferson County as additional insured and will provide the actual policy wording or endorsement showing as such.

All insurance must be written by an insurer licensed to conduct business in the State of Texas.

Minimum Insurance Requirements:

Public Liability, including Products & Completed Operations	\$1,000,000
Excess Liability	\$1,000,000

Property Insurance (policy below that is applicable to this project):

Improvements & Betterments Policy: Improvements/Remodeling (for Lease Tenants)

Builder's Risk Policy: Structural Coverage for Construction Projects

Installation Floater Policy: Improvements/Alterations to Existing Structure

Workers' Compensation Statutory Coverage (See Section 8 Below)

1.18. WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

1.18.1 Definitions:

- 1.18.1.1 Certificate of coverage ("Certificate")** – A copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the commission, or a coverage agreement, DWC-81, DWC-82, DWC-83, or DWC-84 showing statutory workers' compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's employees providing services on a project, for the duration of the project.
- 1.18.1.2 Duration of the project** – Includes the time from the beginning of the work on the project until the contractor's/person's work on the project has been completed and accepted by the governmental entity.
- 1.18.1.3 Persons providing services on the project ("subcontractor") in article 406.096** – Includes all persons or entities performing all or part of the services under the contractor has undertaken to perform on the project, regardless of whether that person contracted

directly with the contractor and regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent contractors, subcontractor, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity, or employees of any entity which furnishes persons to provide services on the project. "Services" includes, without limitation, providing, hauling or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other service related to a project. "Services" does not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage vendors, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.

- 1.18.2 The Contractor shall provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification code and payroll amounts and filing any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all employees of the contractor providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.
- 1.18.3 The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the governmental entity prior to being awarded the contract – refer to Section 1.17 above.
- 1.18.4 If the coverage period shown on the Contractor's current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project, the Contractor must, prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with the governmental entity showing that coverage has been extended.
- 1.18.5 The Contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to the governmental entity:
 - 1.18.5.1 A certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so the governmental entity will have on file certificates of coverage showing coverage for all persons providing services on the project; and
 - 1.18.5.2 No later than seven (7) days after receipt by the Contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate ends during the duration of the project.
- 1.18.6 The Contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter.
- 1.18.7 The Contractor shall notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the contractor knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project.
- 1.18.8 The Contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas Department of Workers' Compensation, informing all persons providing services on the project that they are required to be covered, and stating how a person may verify coverage and report lack of coverage.
- 1.18.9 The Contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project to:
 - 1.18.9.1 Provide coverage, based on reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all its employees providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.
 - 1.18.9.2 Provide to the Contractor, prior to that person beginning work on the project a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.
 - 1.18.9.3 Provide the Contractor, prior to the end of coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
 - 1.18.9.4 Obtain from each person with whom it contracts, and provide to the Contractor:

- 1.18.9.4.1 A certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and
 - 1.18.9.4.2 the coverage period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, prior to the end of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
 - 1.18.9.5 Retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter.
 - 1.18.9.6 Notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the person knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project; and
 - 1.18.9.7 Contractually require each person with whom it contracts to perform as required by paragraphs 1.18.1. – 1.18.7., with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.
- 1.18.10 By signing this contract or providing or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the Contractor is representing to the governmental entity that all employees of the contractor who will provide services of the project will be covered by workers' compensation coverage for the duration of the project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier or, in the case of a self-insured, with the commission's Division of Self-Insurance Regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the contractor to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.
- 1.18.11 The Contractor's failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of contract by the Contractor which entitles the governmental entity to declare the contract void if the Contractor does not remedy the breach within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of breach from the governmental entity.

1.19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

By signing its proposal, Respondent acknowledges that it has read and understands the insurance requirements for this proposal. Respondent also understands that evidence of required insurance must be submitted within fifteen (15) working days following notification of acceptance of its offer; otherwise, Jefferson County may rescind its acceptance of the Respondent's proposal. The insurance requirements are part of this package.

RESPONDENT: INSERT COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE (COI) BEHIND THIS PAGE.

Note: For RFP response submission purposes, a general COI will suffice. However, a COI that includes the notation that “Jefferson County as an additional insured” will be required from Awarded Respondent(s) prior to the issuance of a Purchase Order.

1.20 WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL

The Respondent 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 Respondent 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.

1.21 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 Respondent, and/or to reject any or all proposals. In the event the highest dollar Respondent meeting specifications is not awarded a contract, the Respondent may appear before Commissioners' Court and present evidence concerning his responsibility.

1.22 OWNERSHIP OF PROPOSAL

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

1.23 DISQUALIFICATION OF OFFICER

Upon signing this proposal document, a contractor offering to sell supplies, materials, services, or equipment to Jefferson County certifies that the Respondent 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 Respondents.

1.24 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 Respondent 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.

1.25 ASSIGNMENT

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

1.26 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 Respondent. **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.

1.27 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 Respondent, or if the Respondent 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.

1.28 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 Respondent as inadequate.

1.29 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.

1.30 LOSS, DAMAGE, OR CLAIM

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

1.31 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.

1.32 NON-DISCRIMINATION

The successful Respondent 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.

1.33 PARTICIPATION OF: DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE), MINORITY-WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (MWBE), and HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES (HUB)

It is the desire of Jefferson County to increase the participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), Minority (MBE) and women-owned (WBE) businesses, as well as Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) 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.

1.34 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.

1.35 WAIVER OF SUBROGATION

Respondent and Respondent'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 Respondent's performance under this agreement.

1.36 PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES: CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

As an applicant and/or subrecipient of CDBG-DR funding, Jefferson County (and Grant Administrator) will be required to follow the procurement standards of **2 CFR 200.318 through 200.327** and the contract provisions within **Appendix II to Part 200**. Procurement standards are Federal Register grant-imposed requirements that are incorporated into all subrecipient agreements. Subrecipients will also be required to update procurement policies and procedures to correspond with these requirements.

Subrecipients and vendors should utilize resources to comply with procurement requirements. This guidance is designed to maximize CDBG-DR resources and avoid common pitfalls of noncompliance with that could result in the recapture of funds and re-procurement. Subrecipients are strongly encouraged to understand the procurement requirements or risk adverse consequences.

REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS/CDBG-DR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

All contracts executed between the subrecipient and a contractor must include the following CDBG-DR Program requirements:

- Performance requirements and penalties;
- Project schedule including the performance period and completion date;
- Subrecipients must ensure contracts do not contain any cost plus or incentive savings provisions. No contracts may refer to compensation adjustments for cost plus or incentive savings provisions;
- All Section 3 covered contracts shall include the Section 3 clause;
- Mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

OTHER FEDERALLY REQUIREMENT CONTRACT PROVISIONS:

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

1. Remedies.

Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

2. Termination for cause and for convenience.

All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the subrecipient including the manner by which it will be affected and the basis for settlement.

3. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement.

If the federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR 401.2 (a) and the subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

4. 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 exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

5. Records of non-Federal entities.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Inspectors General, the Comptroller General of the United States, the Texas General Land Office (GLO), and the pass-through entity, or any of their authorized representatives, must have the right of access to any documents, papers, or other records of the non-federal entity which are pertinent to the federal award, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to the non-federal entity's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents.

6. Record Retention.

Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other non-federal entity records pertinent to a federal award must be retained for a period of three years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report or, for federal awards that are renewed quarterly or annually, from the date of the submission of the quarterly or annual financial report, respectively, as reported to the federal awarding agency or pass-through entity in the case of a subrecipient. Federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities must not impose any other record retention requirements upon non-federal entities.

The only exceptions are the following:

- a.** If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken;
- b.** When the non-federal entity is notified in writing by the federal awarding agency, cognizant agency for audit, oversight agency for audit, cognizant agency for indirect costs, or pass-through entity to extend the retention period.
- c.** Records for real property and equipment acquired with federal funds must be retained for 3 years after final disposition;
- d.** When records are transferred to or maintained by the federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, the 3-year retention requirement is not applicable to the non-federal entity;

e. Records for program income transactions after the period of performance.

In some cases, subrecipients must report program income after the period of performance. Where there is such a requirement, the retention period for the records pertaining to the earning of the program income starts from the end of the non-federal entity's fiscal year in which the program income is earned; 29 2 CFR 200.336 30 2 CFR 200.333 GLO-CDR Implementation Manual Page 24 of 32 Chapter 5 Procurement March 2021

f. Indirect cost rate proposals and cost allocations plans.

This paragraph applies to the following types of documents and their supporting records: indirect cost rate computations or proposals, cost allocation plans, and any similar accounting computations of the rate at which a particular group of costs is chargeable (such as computer usage chargeback rates or composite fringe benefit rates);

g. If submitted for negotiation. If the proposal, plan, or other computation is required to be submitted to the Federal Government (or to the pass-through entity) to form the basis for negotiation of the rate, then the 3-year retention period for its supporting records starts from the date of such submission;

h. If not submitted for negotiation. If the proposal, plan, or other computation is not required to be submitted to the Federal Government (or to the passthrough entity) for negotiation purposes, then the 3-year retention period for the proposal, plan, or computation and its supporting records starts from the end of the fiscal year (or other accounting period) covered by the proposal, plan, or other computation.

7. Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.

a. The non-federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible;

b. Affirmative steps must include:

- i. Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- ii. Assuring that small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- iii. 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;
- iv. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises;
- v. Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and
- vi. Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this section.

8. 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."

9. 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.

10. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708).

Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the

standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

11. 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).

12. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352).

Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-federal award.

13. Solid Waste Disposal Act.

A non-federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

Additional Required Provisions.

1. Verification No Boycott Israel. As required by Chapter 2271, Government Code, CONTRACTOR hereby verifies that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel through the term of this Agreement. For purposes of this verification, "boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

2. Foreign Terrorist Organizations. Pursuant to Chapter 2252, Texas Government Code, Vendor represents and certifies that, at the time of execution of this Agreement neither Vendor, nor any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the same (i) engages in business with Iran, Sudan, or any foreign terrorist organization as described in Chapters 806 or 807 of the Texas Government Code, or Subchapter F of Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code, or (ii) is a company listed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Sections 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code. The term "foreign terrorist organization" in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2: ADMINISTRATION PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

2.1 SCOPE OF WORK

Jefferson County plans to apply for Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) 2019 Infrastructure Competition funding and is soliciting proposals to provide administration and/or planning services for CDBG-DR 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).

The Infrastructure Competition will provide disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure for local communities. Each applicant may submit a total of two (2) applications, whether applying as the lone applicant or jointly with another jurisdiction(s). Each application must have a total proposed cost between \$250,000 to \$1 million. All activities must contribute to the long-term recovery and restoration of housing. The GLO recognizes that as part of a comprehensive long-term recovery program, the repair and enhancements of local infrastructure are crucial components. Infrastructure activities are vital not only for the long-term recovery and restoration of housing but for the long-term recovery and viability of communities.

2.2 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 and Management Services will be provided in conformance with the guidance documents and use forms provided by the subrecipient utilizing CDBG-DR Program Guidance. The providers shall furnish pre-funding and post-funding grant administrative and management services to complete the disaster recovery projects.

Examples of projects that could potentially be funded:

- Flood control and drainage repair and improvements, including the construction or rehabilitation of storm water management system.
- Restoration of infrastructure
- Public facilities
- Buyouts or Acquisition with or without relocation assistance, down payment assistance, housing incentives, and demolition
- Activities designed to relocate families outside of floodplains
- Demolition, rehabilitation of publicly or privately owned commercial or industrial buildings, and code enforcement
- Economic development
- Public service
- Planning

2.2 GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

A sample detailed Scope of Services for CDBG-DR Grant Administration is provided by in this section. The Grant Administration/Management Service Provider to be hired by the County will provide application and contract-related management services, including but not limited to the following areas:

Pre-Funding Services*:

Grant Administration and Management Services Provider (Provider) will assist in developing project scope(s) and complete CDBG-DR 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-DR funding applications and related documents. The required information shall be submitted in a format that meets grant guidelines.

Post-Funding Services:

Provider will administer and provide activity delivery of infrastructure, utilities, housing, and eligible projects approved for the utilization of grant funds. The Provider must follow all requirements of the CDBG-Disaster Recovery: 2019 Infrastructure Competition Program.

GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

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

Respondent shall 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-DR reimbursement.*

a) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

- i. Ensure program compliance including all CDBG-DR 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.

b) 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.
- ii. Perform any other administrative duty required to deliver the project.

c) 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).

d) ACQUISITION DUTIES

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

e) 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.

f) 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.

SECTION 3: SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS/RFP SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

The following requirements and instructions supersede General Requirements where applicable.

3.1. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

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

Responses must be submitted in complete original form by mail or messenger to the following address:

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

Respondent shall submit response in a tightly sealed opaque envelope or box, plainly marked "SEALED RFP RESPONSE." The outside of the envelope or box shall also include the RFP Number, RFP Name, RFP Due Date, and the Respondent's Name and Address; and shall be addressed to the Purchasing Agent.

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

Respondent is responsible for submitting: One (1) original and four (4) response copies; with all copies to include a completed copy of this specifications packet, in its entirety.

Additionally, Respondent shall monitor the Jefferson County Purchasing Department Website for any addenda, additional instructions, or RFP updates. <https://www.co.jefferson.tx.us/Purchasing/>

Failure to return all required documentation will result in a response being declared as non-responsive.

3.2 PROPOSAL DUE DATE & TIME

All Proposal Submissions must be received by 11:00 am CT, Wednesday, May 25, 2022 to be considered responsive. Late responses will not be accepted and will be returned unopened to the Respondent. Jefferson County will not accept any responsibility for responses being delivered by third party carriers.

Respondent shall monitor the Jefferson County Purchasing Department Website for any addenda, additional instructions, or RFP updates. <https://www.co.jefferson.tx.us/Purchasing/> Failure to return all required documentation could result in a response being declared as non-responsive.

Jefferson County shall not be responsible for any effort or cost expended in the preparation of a response to this IFB.

RFP responses will be accepted at the above address until the time and date specified herein, and immediately after will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All responses submitted in response to this invitation shall become the property of Jefferson County and will be a matter of public record available for review.

All protests should be coordinated through the Purchasing Office prior to award recommendation to Commissioners' Court.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY

All visitors to the Courthouse must pass through Security. Respondents planning to hand deliver proposals must allow time to get through Security, as a delay in entering the Courthouse will not be accepted as an excuse for late response submittal. Mondays and Tuesdays are particularly heavy days.

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Jefferson County has implemented precautionary measures recommended by the CDC within its facilities. Visitors to the courthouse will be required to wear a mask within the courthouse.

Respondents are strongly urged to plan accordingly.

COUNTY HOLIDAYS (2022)

January 17, 2022	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday
February 21, 2022	President's Day	Monday
April 15, 2022	Good Friday	Friday
May 30, 2022	Memorial Day	Monday
July 4, 2022	Independence Day	Monday
September 5, 2022	Labor Day	Monday
November 11, 2022	Veteran's Day	Friday
November 24 & 25, 2022	Thanksgiving	Thursday & Friday
December 23 & 26, 2022	Christmas	Friday & Monday
January 2, 2023	New Year's	Monday

3.3 PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DURING TIMES 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/statement of qualifications submission deadline, the RFP 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 RFP responses 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.

3.4 DEADLINE FOR 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 RFP response.

Interested parties may provide written questions to Jamey West, Contract Specialist at: jwest@co.jefferson.tx.us.

Question responses will be made available as soon as possible and *possibly* posted as addendum(s) to the RFP on the Jefferson County Purchasing Department's webpage should the information provided be pertinent to response submissions.

The deadline for asking questions in writing or requesting additional information (in writing or in person) is 5:00 pm, CT, Monday, May 16, 2022.

3.5 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Please Note: Dates are subject to change)

April 26, 2022	Issuance of Request for Proposal
May 25, 2022	Deadline for Proposal Submissions (late proposals will not be considered)
May 26-27, 2022	Proposals distributed to Evaluation Committee

Week of June 2, 2022	Evaluation Committee Convenes to Tabulate Scoring and Determines Short List
Week of June 13, 2022	Development of Short List, Conduct Interview and/or Request Best and Final Offer
Week of June 22, 2022	Recommendation for Award

3.6 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/Fed. Reg., 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>

In instances where a vendor has either an “Inactive” SAM Registration or is not currently registered with the System for Award Management, the Purchasing Department may *initially* accept proof (printout from the SAM website) that the vendor has begun the registration process in order for the IFB/RFP/RFQ submission to be considered as “responsive” to the specifications for the project.

However, the SAM Registration must be completed (showing “active” status, with no exclusions) prior to the award and/or execution of an agreement or contract for the project.

RESPONDENT: INSERT PROOF OF SAM REGISTRATION BEHIND THIS PAGE.

3.7 FORM 1295 (TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION)

All Non-Exempt Respondents are **required** to submit a completed FORM 1295 with RFP Response Submission.

INSTRUCTIONS:

(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 WITH RFP SUBMISSION.

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

SAMPLE: A sample of a completed FORM 1295 is included on PAGE 27.

FORM 1295 Implementation Background:

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

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES		FORM 1295																																							
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2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed. JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS																																									
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. ADD IFB/RFQ/RFP/AGREEMENT/CONTRACT NUMBER OR DESCRIPTION HERE																																									
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_____ Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity (Declarant)																																									
ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY																																									

RESPONDENT: INSERT COMPLETED FORM 1295 BEHIND THIS PAGE.

SECTION 4: RESPONSE FORMAT

4.1 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.

The Proposal is due no later than 11:00 AM CT, Wednesday, May 25, 2022, and shall include the following:

- Cover sheet identifying the contract/project being proposed, the name and address of Respondent, the date of the proposal, and the telephone and facsimile numbers of Respondent.
- 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 four (4) 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.

4.2 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. Respondent Identifying Information
- e. Respondent Personnel and Organization
- f. Project Requirements
- g. Cost Proposal Form (**PAGE 40**)
- h. Other information that may be helpful in the evaluation

4.3 TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The Respondent 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 Respondent to the representations in the response. In the case of a joint proposal, each party must sign the transmittal letter. The Respondent also must indicate, in its transmittal letter, why it believes that it is the most qualified Respondent 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 Respondent takes exception to any of the proposed terms and conditions stated in this RFP, those exceptions must be noted in the transmittal letter.

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

4.4 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Respondent must provide an executive summary of its proposal that asserts that the Respondent 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 Respondent must identify any services that are provided beyond those specifically requested. If the Respondent is providing services that do not meet the specific requirements of this RFP, but in the opinion of the Respondent are equivalent or superior to those specifically requested, any such differences must be noted in the executive summary. However, the Respondent must realize that failure to provide the services specifically required may result in disqualification of the proposal.

4.5 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.

4.6 RESPONDENT IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Firms desiring to be considered for providing **CDBG-DR Grant Administration Services** for Jefferson County are required to submit a Statement of Qualifications and Experience in order to be considered for contracts under this procedure. Only firms with statements submitted in response to this Request for Qualifications will be evaluated. The statement should contain, at a minimum, the following:

1. Name of the firm wishing to contract with the County.
2. Firm's local address.
3. Firm's corporate or main office address.
4. Number of years the firm has been in business.
5. Names, qualifications, and experience of professional staff who would be assigned to Jefferson County.
6. Firm's organization chart.

7. Biographies or resumes, including home office location and other relevant information, for each key staff member likely to be assigned to a project.
8. Names, titles, address, and telephone numbers of persons who are authorized to negotiate for and contractually bind the firm. One of these persons should sign the response. A contact must be named for addressing questions generated during the evaluation process.
9. A description of representative work accomplished for all jobs within the past five (5) years.
10. Provide a detailed summary of the firm's experience in providing the kinds of services specified in this RFP to governmental entities.
11. Describe reasons why the firm would be uniquely qualified to provide CDBG-DR Grant Administration Services to Jefferson County.
12. Describe any unique services offered by your firm.
13. A list of references, other than Jefferson County, who have contracted the types of work the firm, is offering to perform. A reference form is included on **(PAGE 42)** of this package.
14. Provide a listing of all current litigation(s), outstanding judgements and liens affecting the firm.

4.7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Each Respondent must disclose any existing or potential conflict of interest relative to the performance of the requirements of this RFP. Examples of potential...l conflicts may include an existing business or personal relationship between the Respondent, 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 Respondent, 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 Respondent must reveal any past or existing relationship between the Respondent, 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 Respondents 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.

4.8 CONFIDENTIAL/PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

If any material in the proposal submission is considered by Respondent to be confidential or proprietary information (including manufacturing and/or design processes exclusive to the Respondent), Respondent must clearly mark the applicable pages of Respondent's proposal submission to indicate each claim of confidentiality. Additionally, Respondent 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, Respondent agrees to reproduction by Jefferson County, without cost or liability, of any copyrighted portions of Respondent's proposal submission or other information submitted by Respondent.

4.9 PROPOSAL CONTENT: SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

The County is seeking qualified Professional Grant Administration Firms that are experienced in grant application preparation, and administration/activity delivery.

Respondents should provide the following content with their proposal submittal:

- 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, 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 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

4.10 PROPOSED COST OF SERVICES:

The Respondent must utilize the form provided (PAGE 40) 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 re-worked version of the form provided by Respondent 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.

Respondent's cost proposal should reflect the cost 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.

4.11 **PROPOSAL CONTENT: REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

- A copy of current **SAM**
 - 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. A sample of a completed FORM 1295 is included within this RFP (**PAGE 42**).
 - **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](#)
[713-681-9232](#)
wbc@wbea-texas.org

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

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

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

SECTION 5: EVALUATION SCORING CRITERIA

5.1 EVALUATION OF PROPOSAL

The appointed Evaluation Committee will consider the following criteria in evaluating responses; and utilize a scoring sheet that is the same or similar to the scoring sheet on (PAGE 36).

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

Administration/Professional Services: Evaluation Rating Sheet

Date _____

Name of Respondent _____ Evaluator Name _____ Evaluator Signature _____

(Potential) Grant Recipient: JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS GRANT: CDBG-DISASTER RECOVERY 2019 INFRASTRUCTURE COMPETITION

Instructions: 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 from RFP response, past experience with Respondent, and/or by contacting past/current clients of the Respondent.

<u>EXPERIENCE FACTORS</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Related Experience / Background with federally funded projects	10	_____
2. Related Experience / Background with specific project type (housing rehabilitation, acquisition of property, coordination with regulatory agency, etc.)	10	_____
3. References from current/past clients	10	_____
Subtotal, Experience	30	_____
<u>WORK PERFORMANCE 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	_____
<u>CAPACITY TO PERFORM FACTORS</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Qualifications of Professional Administrators / Experience of Staff	5	_____
2. Present and Projected Workloads	5	_____
3. Quality of Proposal/Work Plan	5	_____
4. Demonstrated understanding of scope of the CDBG-DR Project	5	_____
Subtotal, Capacity to Perform	20	_____
<u>PROPOSED COST FACTORS</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Proposed cost is in line with independent estimate and compared with all cost proposals received	20	_____
	20	_____
<u>TOTAL SCORES</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
☐ Experience	30	_____
☐ Work Performance	30	_____
☐ Capacity to Perform	20	_____
☐ Proposed Cost	20	_____
Total Score	100	_____

RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Instructions: Complete the form below. Please provide legible, accurate, and complete contact information.
PLEASE PRINT.

**RFP Number & Name: (RFQ 22-022/JW) Professional Grant Administration and Management Services for
Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR):
2019 Infrastructure Competition for Jefferson County**

Respondent's Company/Business Name: _____

Respondent's TAX ID Number: _____

If Applicable: HUB Vendor No. _____ DBE Vendor No. _____

Contact Person: _____ **Title:** _____

Phone Number (with area code): _____

Alternate Phone Number if available (with area code): _____

Fax Number (with area code): _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address (Please provide a physical address for bid bond return, if applicable):

Address

City, State, Zip Code

REQUIRED FORM

**Respondent: Please complete this form
and include with RFP submission.**

COST PROPOSAL: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (CDBG-DR 2019 INFRASTRUCTURE COMPETITION)

Instructions: Below, please provide a lump sum costs for the **Grant Administration and Management Services** listed for CDBG-Disaster Recovery: 2019 Infrastructure Competition.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.

SERVICE(S) DESCRIPTION	LUMP SUM COST FOR SERVICE(S)
Proposed Cost to Provide <u>All</u> Grant Administration Services: General Administrative, Financial Duties, Environmental, Construction Management, related Acquisition Duties (Not Buyout)	\$_____ . ____
Proposed Cost to Provide General Administrative, Construction Management, related Acquisition Duties Only (Not Buyout)	\$_____ . ____
Proposed Cost to Provide Environmental Services Only	\$_____ . ____
Proposed Cost to Provide Buyout Services Only (as needed--in addition to any of the above Service Fees)	\$_____ . ____

REQUIRED FORM

Respondent: Please complete this form
and include with RFP submission.

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: _____

REQUIRED FORM

Respondent: Please complete this form and include with RFP submission.

VENDOR REFERENCES FORM

Respondent: 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.

REQUIRED FORM

Respondent: Please complete this form and include with RFP submission.

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: _____

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

This Statement of Qualifications/RFP Response shall remain in effect for ninety (90) days from RFP opening and shall be exclusive of federal excise and state and local sales tax (exempt).

The undersigned agrees, if this RFP response 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 Statements of Qualification, Conditions of RFP Response, 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 RFP response in collusion with any other Respondent, and that the contents of this RFP response as to prices, terms or conditions of said response have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any other RFP Respondent or to any other person(s) engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this RFP. And further, that neither the Respondent 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 respond or not to respond thereon.

RFP Respondent (Entity Name)

Signature

Street & Mailing Address

Print Name

City, State & Zip

Date Signed

Telephone Number

Fax Number

E-mail Address

REQUIRED FORM

**Respondent: Please complete this form
and include with RFP submission.**

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this 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 section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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. Chap. 38, Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official *(Please Print)*

Date

REQUIRED FORM

**Respondent: Please complete this form
and include with RFP submission.**

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 (Form)

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 _____ Sub-awardee Tier _____, if Known: Congressional District, if known:		If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Sub-awardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: Congressional District, if known:
Federal Department/Agency:		7. Federal Program Name/Description: CFDA Number, if applicable: _____
Federal Action Number, if known:		9. Award Amount, if known: \$ _____
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant (if individual, last name, first name, MI):		b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI):
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: _____
Federal Use Only		Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form - LLL (Rev. 7-97)

REQUIRED FORM

Respondent: Please complete this form and include with RFP submission.

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
This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session. This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a). By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code. A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.	OFFICE USE ONLY 	
1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.		
2 ☐ Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)		
3 Name of local government officer about whom the information in this section is being disclosed. Name of Officer 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. A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor? ☐ Yes ☐ No B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity? ☐ Yes ☐ No 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? ☐ Yes ☐ No D. Describe each employment or business and family relationship with the local government officer named in this section.		
4 Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity Date		

Adopted 8/7/2015

REQUIRED FORM
Respondent: Please complete this form and include with RFP submission.

**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	
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 _____ (attach additional forms as necessary)		
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		

Adopted 8/7/2015

**THIS FORM IS FOR
OFFICE USE ONLY**

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

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Respondent: Please complete this form and include with RFP submission.

This information must be submitted with your bid.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Contractor Name: _____				HUB: p Yes p No	
Address: _____					
Street		City	State	Zip	
Phone (with area code): _____			Fax (with area code): _____		
Project Title & No.: _____					
Prime Contract Amount:		\$ _____			

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: _____

Date

Respondent: Please complete this form and include with RFP submission.

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Subcontracting Participation Declaration Form**

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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: _____

REQUIRED FORM
Respondent: Please complete this form
and include with RFP submission.

**Historically Underutilized Business (HUB)
Subcontracting Participation Declaration Form**

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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: _____

REQUIRED FORM

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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: _____

REQUIRED FORM

**Respondent: Please complete this form
and include with RFP submission.**

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) “Non-resident RFP Respondent” refers to a person who is not a resident.
- (4) “Resident RFP Respondent” 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 Respondent of Texas as defined in Government Code §2252.001.
- ☐ I certify that _____ [company name] is a Non-Resident Respondent 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/response:		
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.

REQUIRED FORM

Respondent: Please complete this form and include with RFP submission.

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 2270.002, 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

REQUIRED FORM

Respondent: Please complete this form and include with RFP submission.

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

RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I have carefully examined the Request for Proposal Specifications, and any other documents accompanying or made a part of this Request for Proposals.

I hereby propose to furnish the goods or services specified in the Request for Proposal. I agree that my proposal will remain firm for a period of up to **90 days** in order to allow Jefferson County adequate time to evaluate the qualifications submitted.

I verify that all information contained in this proposal is truthful to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that I am duly authorized to submit this proposal on behalf of the firm as its act and deed and that the firm is ready, willing and able to perform if awarded the contract.

I further certify, under oath, that this proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement, connection, discussion, or collusion with any other person, firm or corporation submitting a proposal for the same product or service: no officer, employee or agent of Jefferson County or any other Respondent is interested in said proposal: and that the undersigned executed this Respondent's Certification with full knowledge and understanding of the matters therein contained and was duly authorized to do so.

NAME OF BUSINESS

BY:

SIGNATURE

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this _____ day of
_____, 2022

NAME & TITLE, TYPED OR PRINTED

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

()

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Notary Public

State of _____

My Commission Expires: _____

REQUIRED FORM

**Respondent: Please complete this form
and include with RFP submission.**