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LEGAL NOTICE
Advertisement for Request for Proposal

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Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be accepted by the Jefferson County Purchasing Department for Request for Proposals (RFP 23-019/MR), Auditing Services 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. Proposers shall forward an original and five (5) hard copies of their proposal to the address shown below. Late proposals will be rejected as non-responsive. Proposals will be publicly opened and only the firm name will be read aloud in the Jefferson County Engineering Conference Room (5th Floor, Historic Courthouse) 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701 at the time and date below. Proposals shall be opened in a manner that avoids disclosure of the contents to competing Proposers 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. Proposers are invited to attend the sealed proposal opening.

There will be a Pre-Proposal Conference on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 2:00 pm CT in the Commissioners' Courtroom, located at 1149 Pearl Street, 4th Floor, Beaumont, Texas 77701.

PROPOSAL NAME: Auditing Services for Jefferson County
PROPOSAL NUMBER: RFP 23-019/MR
DUE DATE/TIME: 11:00 AM CT, Wednesday, May 24, 2023
MAIL OR DELIVER TO: Jefferson County Purchasing Department
1149 Pearl Street, 1st Floor
Beaumont, Texas 77701

Any questions relating to these requirements should be directed to Mistey Reeves, Assistant Purchasing Agent at 409-835-8593 or mistey.reeves@jeffcotx.us. If no response in 72 hours, contact Deborah Clark, Purchasing Agent at 409-835-8593 or deb.clark@jeffcotx.us.

Jefferson County encourages Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), Minority/Women Business Enterprises (M/WBEs), and Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) to participate in the bidding 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 least seven (7) days prior to the bid due date at 409-835-8593.

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

Proposers are strongly encouraged to carefully read the entire invitation, as failure to return and/or complete all required documentation will result in a response being declared as non-responsive.

A handwritten signature of Deborah Clark in black ink, written over a circular stamp that partially matches the Jefferson County seal.

Deborah L. Clark, Purchasing Agent
Jefferson County, Texas

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PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

REQUIRED FORM

Proposer:

Please complete this form and include with proposal submission.

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

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

Proposer shall check each box indicating compliance.

THE ITEMS ON THE CHECKLIST BELOW MUST BE INCLUDED IN YOUR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION.

- ☐ Cover sheet identifying the contract/project being proposed, the name and address of the Proposer, the date of the proposal, and the email address, telephone, and facsimile numbers of Proposer.
- ☐ 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 Proposer is providing or has provided Auditing Services of the type requested, including the name, position, and telephone number of a contact person at each entity.
- ☐ Completed and Signed FORM 1295.
- ☐ Copy of Certificate of Insurance (COI). The COI at a minimum should reflect your firm/company's general insurance coverage.
- ☐ Identification of all legal claims, demands, contracts terminated or lawsuits filed, threatened, or pending against the Proposer 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 Proposer 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 monies under the terms of any agreement(s) relating to such services.
- ☐ **One (1) Original and five (5) Response Copies; with all copies to include a Completed Copy of this specifications packet, in its entirety.**

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

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

Please read the "Proposal Submittal Checklist" included in this package.

Company

Telephone Number

Address

Fax Number

Authorized Representative (Please print)

Title

Authorized Signature

Date

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION TO PROPOSERS AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is to receive proposals from qualified firms regarding services for Auditing Services.

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

1.1 VENDOR INSTRUCTIONS

Read the document carefully. Follow all instructions. Proposer is responsible for fulfilling all requirements and specifications. It is imperative

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

1.2 GOVERNING LAW

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

1.3 AMBIGUITY, CONFLICT, OR OTHER ERRORS IN THE RFP

If Proposer discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in the RFP, Proposer 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 Proposer 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 Proposer, or an error or ambiguity that reasonably should have been known to Proposer, then Proposer shall not be entitled to compensation or additional time by reason of the error or ambiguity or its later resolution.

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

1.4 NOTIFICATION OF MOST CURRENT ADDRESS

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

1.5 PROPOSAL PREPARATION COST

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

1.6 SIGNATURE OF PROPOSAL

A transmittal letter, which shall be considered an integral part of the proposal, shall be signed by an individual who is authorized to bind the Proposer contractually. If the Proposer 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 Proposer 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 Proposer 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 Proposer 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 Contractor's 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 Proposer, shall be included in the proposal.

1.12 COMPLIANCE WITH RFP SPECIFICATIONS

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

1.13 VENDOR REGISTRATION: SAM (SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT)

Vendors doing business with Jefferson County are required to be registered with The System for Award Management (SAM), with an "active" status. The System for Award Management (SAM) is the Official U.S. Government system that consolidated the capabilities of CCR/FedReg, ORCA, and EPLS. There is NO fee to register for this site. Entities may register at no cost directly from the SAM website at: <https://www.sam.gov>

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/RFQ/RFP 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.

PROPOSER: INSERT COMPLETED FORM 1295 BEHIND THIS PAGE.

1.14 FORM 1295 (TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION)

FORM 1295 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT/INSTRUCTIONS FOR RFP PROPOSERS:

ALL NON-EXEMPT PROPOSERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM 1295 WITH PROPOSAL 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 PROPOSAL 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 7.

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																																				
<p>Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties. Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.</p>		<p>OFFICE USE ONLY</p>																																				
<p>1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.</p> <p>**YOUR FIRM NAME HERE**</p>		<p><i>Must file online at www.ethics.state.tx.us/File</i></p>																																				
<p>2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.</p> <p>**JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS*</p>																																						
<p>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.</p> <p>**BID/CONTRACT/PO NUMBER GOES HERE**</p>																																						
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<p>6 UNSWORN DECLARATION Vendor is to complete #6 - Unsworn Declaration</p> <p>My name is _____, and my date of birth is _____.</p> <p>My address _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)</p> <p>I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.</p> <p>Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(month) (year)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity (Declarant)</p>																																						
<p>ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY</p>																																						

PROPOSER: INSERT COMPLETED FORM 1295 BEHIND THIS PAGE.

1.15 EMERGENCY/DECLARED DISASTER REQUIREMENTS

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

1.16 EVALUATION

Jefferson County reserves the right to use all pertinent information (also learned from sources other than disclosed in the RFP process) that might affect the County's judgment as to the appropriateness of an award to the best evaluated Proposer. 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 is in the best interest of Jefferson County.

1.17 WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL

The Proposer 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 Proposer 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.

1.18 MINORITY-WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION

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

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

1.20 OWNERSHIP OF PROPOSAL

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

1.21 DISQUALIFICATION OF PROPOSAL

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

1.22 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 Proposer 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.

1.23 ASSIGNMENT

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

1.24 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 Proposer. **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.

1.25 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 proposal, or if the Proposer 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.

1.26 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 Proposer as inadequate.

1.27 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.

1.28 LOSS, DAMAGE, OR CLAIM

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

1.29 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.

1.30 NON-DISCRIMINATION

The successful Proposer 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.

1.31 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.

By submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, all Proposers 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.

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

1.32 CONFIDENTIAL/PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

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

1.33 WAIVER OF SUBROGATION

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

1.34 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

By signing its proposal, Proposer acknowledges that it has read and understands the insurance requirements for this proposal. Proposer 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 Proposer's proposal. The insurance requirements are part of this package.

1.35 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The contractor (including any and all subcontractors as defined in Section 1.36 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 1.36 Below)

1.36 WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

1.36.1 Definitions:

1.36.1.1 **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.

1.36.1.2 **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.

1.36.1.3 **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.

1.36.2 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.

1.36.3 The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the governmental entity prior to being awarded the contract – refer to Section 1.35 above.

1.36.4 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.

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

1.36.5.1 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

1.36.5.2 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.

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

1.36.7 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.

1.36.8 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.

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

1.36.9.1 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.

1.36.9.2 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.

1.36.9.3 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.

1.36.9.4 Obtain from each person with whom it contracts, and provide to the Contractor:

1.36.9.4.1 A certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and

1.36.9.4.2 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.

1.36.9.5 Retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter.

1.36.9.6 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

1.36.9.7 Contractually require each person with whom it contracts to perform as required by paragraphs 1.36.1. – 1.36.7., with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.

1.36.10 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.

1.36.11 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.

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

Note: For proposal 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 Proposer(s) prior to the issuance of a Purchase Order.

SECTION 2: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)
MANDATED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS
REQUIRED BY 2 C.F.R. §200.326 APPENDIX II TO 2 CFR §200

(REVISED JUNE 2022)

REMEDIES

(For all awarded contracts with a value greater than \$150,000.00)

Any violation or breach of terms of this contract on the part of the Contractor or the Contractor's subcontractors may result in the suspension or termination of this contract or such other action that may be necessary to enforce the rights of the parties of this contract. The duties and obligations imposed by the contract documents and the rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law. Any violation or breach of terms of this contract of the Contractor or the Contractor's sub-contractors will be subject to the remedies, including liquidated damages, described in the RFP specifications or Request for Proposal and the Client rules and regulations and special conditions which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

TERMINATION FOR CAUSE AND CONVENIENCE

(For all awarded contracts with a value greater than \$10,000.00)

The Client reserves the right to terminate this contract for cause or convenience pursuant to the rules and regulations and special conditions which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

(For all awarded contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" provided in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3) **Contractor must complete enclosed certification**

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

1. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.

2. The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

3. The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

4. The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

5. The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

6. The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

7. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

8. The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

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

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

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

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

DAVIS-BACON ACT AND COPELAND "ANTI-KICKBACK" ACT

(The Davis-Bacon Act only applies to the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant Program, Homeland Security Grant Program, Nonprofit Security Grant Program, Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program, Port Security Grant Program, and Transit Security Grant Program. It DOES NOT apply to other FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs, including the Public Assistance Program.

1. *Minimum wages.*

- i. All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or under the Housing Act of 1949 in the construction or development of the project), will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR part 3)), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor and such laborers and mechanics.

Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1 (b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of paragraph (a)(1)(iv) of this section; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in §5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: *Provided*, that the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classification and wage rates conformed under paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of this section) and the Davis Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

- ii. (A) The contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination, and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefore only when the following criteria have been met:

- 1) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and
- 2) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and
- 3) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(B) If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the contracting officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(C) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the contracting officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(D) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraphs (a)(i)(ii) (B) or (C) of this section, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

- i. Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.
- ii. If the contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program, *Provided*, That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the contractor to set aside in separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

2. *Withholding.*

The Federal Agency and/or Client shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor under this contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or under the Housing Act of 1949 in the construction or development of the project), all or part of the wages required by the contract, the (Agency) may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

3. *Payrolls and basic records.*

- i. Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the contractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937, or under the Housing Act of 1949, in the construction or development of the project). Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section I (b) (2) (B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(i)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section I(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the contractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

- ii. (A) The contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to the federal agency if the agency is a party to the contract, but if the agency is not such a party, the contractor will submit the payrolls to the applicant, sponsor, or owner, as the case may be, for transmission to the federal agency. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), except that full social security numbers and home addresses shall not be included on weekly transmittals. Instead the payrolls shall only need to include an individually identifying number for each employee (*e.g.*, the last four digits of the employee's social security number). The required weekly payroll information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/forms/wh347instr.htm> or its successor site. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors. Contractors and subcontractors shall maintain the full social security number and current address of each covered worker, and shall provide them upon request to the federal agency if the agency is a party to the contract, but if the agency is not such a party, the contractor will submit them to the applicant, sponsor, or owner, as the case may be, for transmission to the federal agency, the contractor, or the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or audit of compliance with prevailing wage requirements. It is not a violation of this section for a prime contractor to require a subcontractor to provide addresses and social security numbers to the prime contractor for its own records, without weekly submission to the sponsoring government agency (or the applicant, sponsor, or owner).

(B) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

- 1) That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be provided under §5.5 (a) (3) (ii) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5, the appropriate information is being maintained under §5.5 (a) (3) (i) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5, and that such information is correct and complete;
- 2) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in Regulations, 29 CFR part 3;
- 3) That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

(C) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph (a)(3)(ii)(B) of this section.

(D) The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under section 1001 of title 18 and section 231 of title 31 of the United States Code.

- i. The contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph (a)(3)(i) of this section available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the federal agency or the Department of Labor, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the Federal agency may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

4. ***Apprentices and trainees.***

- i. ***Apprentices.*** Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice. The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the contractor's or subcontractors registered program shall be observed. Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination. In the event the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.
- ii. ***Trainees.*** Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration. Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.
- iii. ***Equal employment opportunity.*** The utilization of apprentices, trainees and journeymen under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR part 30.

5. *Compliance with Copeland Act requirements.*

The contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR part 3, which are incorporated by reference in this contract.

6. *Subcontracts.*

The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses contained in 29 CFR 5.5(a) (I) through (10) and such other clauses as FEMA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5.

7. *Contract termination: debarment.*

A breach of the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

8. *Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act requirements.*

All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract.

9. *Breach.*

A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

10. *Disputes concerning labor standards.*

Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

11. *Certification of eligibility.*

- 1) By entering into this contract, the contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(I).
- 2) No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(I).
- 3) The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

(For all awarded contracts related to "mechanics and laborers" with a value greater than \$100,000.00)

- 1) **Overtime requirements.** No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
- 2) **Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.** In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the

case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, in the sum of \$27 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

- 3) **Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.** The (write in the name of the Federal agency or the loan or grant recipient) shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.
- 4) **Subcontracts.** The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (b)(1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (4) of this section.

RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT

(This requirement **does not apply** to the Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Fire Management Assistance Grant Program, Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Grant Program, Disaster Case Management Grant Program, and Federal Assistance to Individuals and Households - Other Needs Assistance Grant Program, as FEMA awards under these programs do not meet the definition of "funding agreement." If FEMA federal award meets definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2(a), for all awarded contracts related to experimental, developmental, or research work type contracts)

(a) Definitions

- (1) *Invention* means any invention or discovery which is or may be patentable or otherwise protectable under Title 35 of the United States Code, or any novel variety of *et seq.*
- (2) *Subject invention* means any invention of the *contractor* conceived or first actually reduced to practice in the performance of work under this *contract*, provided that in the case of a variety of plant, the date of determination (as defined in section 41(d) of the Plant Variety Protection Act, 7 U.S.C. 2401 (d)) must also occur during the period of *contract* performance.
- (3) *Practical Application* means to manufacture in the case of a composition or product, to practice in the case of a process or method, or to operate in the case of a machine or system; and, in each case, under such conditions as to establish that the invention is being utilized and that its benefits are, to the extent permitted by law or government regulations, available to the public on reasonable terms.
- (4) *Made* when used in relation to any invention means the conception or first actual reduction to practice of such invention.
- (5) *Small Business Firm* means a small business concern as defined at section 2 of Pub. L. 85-536 (15 U.S.C. 632) and implementing regulations of the Administrator of the Small Business Administration. For the purpose of this clause, the size standards for small business concerns involved in government procurement and subcontracting at 13 CFR 121.3-8 and 13 CFR 121.3- 12, respectively, will be used.
- (6) *Nonprofit Organization* means a university or other institution of higher education or an organization of the type described in section 501 (c) {3} of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. 501(c) and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (25 U.S.C. 501(a)) or any nonprofit scientific or educational organization qualified under a state nonprofit organization statute.

(b) Allocation of Principal Rights

The *Contractor* may retain the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world to each subject invention subject to the provisions of this clause and 35 U.S.C. 203. With respect to any subject invention in which the *Contractor* retains title, the Federal government shall have a nonexclusive, non-transferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to practice or have practiced for or on behalf of the United States the subject invention throughout the world.

(c) Invention Disclosure, Election of Title and Filing of Patent Application by *Contractor*

- (1) The *contractor* will disclose each subject invention to the *Federal Agency* within two months after the inventor discloses it in writing to *contractor* personnel responsible for patent matters. The disclosure to the agency shall be in the form of a written report and shall identify the *contract* under which the invention was made and the inventor(s). It shall be sufficiently complete in technical detail to convey a clear understanding to the extent known at the time of the disclosure, of the nature, purpose, operation, and the physical, chemical, biological or electrical characteristics of the invention. The disclosure shall also identify any publication, on sale or public use of the invention and whether a manuscript describing the invention has been submitted for publication and, if so, whether it has been accepted for publication at the time of disclosure. In addition, after disclosure to the *agency*, the *Contractor* will promptly notify the *agency* of the acceptance of any manuscript describing the invention for publication or of any on sale or public use planned by the *contractor*.
- (2) The *Contractor* will elect in writing whether or not to retain title to any such invention by notifying the *Federal agency* within two years of disclosure to the *Federal agency*. However, in any case where publication, on sale or public use has initiated the one-year statutory period wherein valid patent protection can still be obtained in the United States, the period for election of title may be shortened by the *agency* to a date that is no more than 60 days prior to the end of the statutory period.
- (3) The *contractor* will file its initial patent application on a subject invention to which it elects to retain title within one year after election of title or, if earlier, prior to the end of any statutory period wherein valid patent protection can be obtained in the United States after a publication, on sale, or public use. The *contractor* will file patent applications in additional countries or international patent offices within either ten months of the corresponding initial patent application or six months from the date permission is granted by the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to file foreign patent applications where such filing has been prohibited by a Secrecy Order.
- (4) Requests for extension of the time for disclosure, election, and filing under subparagraphs (1), (2), and (3) may, at the discretion of the *agency*, be granted.

(d) Conditions When the Government May Obtain Title

The *contractor* will convey to the *Federal agency*, upon written request, title to any subject invention-

- (1) If the *contractor* fails to disclose or elect title to the subject invention within the times specified in (c), above, or elects not to retain title; provided that the *agency* may only request title within 60 days after learning of the failure of the *contractor* to disclose or elect within the specified times.
- (2) In those countries in which the *contractor* fails to file patent applications within the times specified in (c) above; provided, however, that if the *contractor* has filed a patent application in a country after the times specified in (c) above, but prior to its receipt of the written request of the *Federal agency*, the *contractor* shall continue to retain title in that country.
- (3) In any country in which the *contractor* decides not to continue the prosecution of any application for, to pay the maintenance fees on, or defend in reexamination or opposition proceeding on, a patent on a subject invention.

(e) Minimum Rights to *Contractor* and Protection of the *Contractor* Right to File

- (1) The *contractor* will retain a nonexclusive royalty-free license throughout the world in each subject invention to which the Government obtains title, except if the *contractor* fails to disclose the invention within the times specified in (c), above. The *contractor's* license extends to its domestic subsidiary and affiliates, if any, within the corporate structure of which the *contractor* is a party and includes the right to grant sublicenses of the same scope to the extent the *contractor* was legally obligated to do so at the time the *contract* was awarded. The license is transferable only with the approval of the *Federal* to

which the invention pertains.

- (2) The *contractor's* domestic license may be revoked or modified by the *funding Federal agency* to the extent necessary to achieve expeditious practical application of the subject invention pursuant to an application for an exclusive license submitted in accordance with applicable provisions at 37 CFR part 404 and *agency* licensing regulations (if any). This license will not be revoked in that field of use or the geographical areas in which the *contractor* has achieved practical application and continues to make the benefits of the invention reasonably accessible to the public. The license in any foreign country may be revoked or modified at the discretion of the *funding Federal agency* to the extent the *contractor*, its licensees, or the domestic subsidiaries or affiliates have failed to achieve practical application in that foreign country.
- (3) Before revocation or modification of the license, the *funding Federal agency* will furnish the *contractor* a written notice of its intention to revoke or modify the license, and the *contractor* will be allowed thirty days (or such other time as may be authorized by the *funding Federal agency* for good cause shown by the *contractor*) after the notice to show cause why the license should not be revoked or modified. The *contractor* has the right to appeal, in accordance with applicable regulations in 37 CFR part 404 and *agency* regulations (if any) concerning the licensing of Government-owned inventions, any decision concerning the revocation or modification of the license.

(f) *Contractor Action to Protect the Government's Interest*

- (1) The *contractor* agrees to execute or to have executed and promptly deliver to the *Federal agency* all instruments necessary to
 - (i) establish or confirm the rights the Government has throughout the world in those subject inventions to which the *contractor* elects to retain title, and
 - (ii) convey title to the *Federal agency* when requested under paragraph (d) above and to enable the government to obtain patent protection throughout the world in that subject invention.
- (2) The *contractor* agrees to require, by written agreement, its employees, other than clerical and nontechnical employees, to disclose promptly in writing to personnel identified as responsible for the administration of patent matters and in a format suggested by the *contractor* each subject invention made under *contract* in order that the *contractor* can comply with the disclosure provisions of paragraph (c), above, and to execute all papers necessary to file patent applications on subject inventions and to establish the government's rights in the subject inventions. This disclosure format should require, as a minimum, the information required by (c) (l), above. The *contractor* shall instruct such employees through employee agreements or other suitable educational programs on the importance of reporting inventions in sufficient time to permit the filing of patent applications prior to U.S. or foreign statutory bars.
- (3) The *contractor* will notify the *Federal agency* of any decisions not to continue the prosecution of a patent application, pay maintenance fees, or defend in a reexamination or opposition proceeding on a patent, in any country, not less than thirty days before the expiration of the response period required by the relevant patent office.
- (4) The *contractor* agrees to include, within the specification of any United States patent applications and any patent issuing thereon covering a subject invention, the following statement, "This invention was made with government support under (identify the *contract*) awarded by (identify the Federal agency). The government has certain rights in the invention."

(g) *Subcontracts*

- (1) The *contractor* will include this clause, suitably modified to identify the parties, in all subcontracts, regardless of tier, for experimental, developmental or research work. The subcontractor will retain all rights provided for the *contractor* in this clause, and the *contractor* will not, as part of the consideration for awarding the subcontract, obtain rights in the subcontractor's subject inventions.
- (2) In the case of subcontracts, at any tier, when the prime award with the Federal agency was a contract (but not a grant or cooperative agreement), the *agency*, subcontractor, and the *contractor* agree that the mutual obligations of the parties created by this clause constitute a contract between the subcontractor and the Federal agency with respect to the matters covered by the clause; provided,

however, that nothing in this paragraph is intended to confer any jurisdiction under the Contract Disputes Act in connection with proceedings under paragraph (i) of this clause.

(h) Reporting on Utilization of Subject Inventions

The *Contractor* agrees to submit on request periodic reports no more frequently than annually on the utilization of a subject invention or on efforts at obtaining such utilization that are being made by the *contractor* or its licensees or assignees. Such reports shall include information regarding the status of development, date of first commercial sale or use, gross royalties received by the contractor, and such other data and information as the *agency* may reasonably specify. The *contractor* also agrees to provide additional reports as may be requested by the *agency* in connection with any march-in proceeding undertaken by the *agency* in accordance with paragraph (i) of this clause. As required by 35 U.S.C. 202(c) (5), the *agency* agrees it will not disclose such information to persons outside the government without permission of the *contractor*.

(i) Preference for United States Industry

Notwithstanding any other provision of this clause, the *contractor* agrees that neither it nor any assignee will grant to any person the exclusive right to use or sell any subject inventions in the United States unless such person agrees that any products embodying the subject invention or produced through the use of the subject invention will be manufactured substantially in the United States. However, in individual cases, the requirement for such an agreement may be waived by the *Federal agency* upon a showing by the *contractor* or its assignee that reasonable but unsuccessful efforts have been made to grant licenses on similar terms to potential licensees that would be likely to manufacture substantially in the United States or that under the circumstances domestic manufacture is not commercially feasible.

(j) March-in Rights

The *contractor* agrees that with respect to any subject invention in which it has acquired title, the *Federal agency* has the right in accordance with the procedures in 37 CFR 401.6 and any supplemental regulations of the *agency* to require the *contractor*, an assignee or exclusive licensee of a subject invention to grant a nonexclusive, partially exclusive, or exclusive license in any field of use to a responsible applicant or applicants, upon terms that are reasonable under the circumstances, and if the *contractor*, assignee, or exclusive licensee refuses such a request the *Federal agency* has the right to grant such a license itself if the *Federal agency* determines that:

- (1) Such action is necessary because the *contractor* or assignee has not taken or is not expected to take within a reasonable time, effective steps to achieve practical application of the subject invention in such field of use.
- (2) Such action is necessary to alleviate health or safety needs which are not reasonably satisfied by the *contractor*, assignee or their licensees;
- (3) Such action is necessary to meet requirements for public use specified by Federal regulations and such requirements are not reasonably satisfied by the *contractor*, assignee or licensees; or
- (4) Such action is necessary because the agreement required by paragraph (i) of this clause has not been obtained or waived or because a licensee of the exclusive right to use or sell any subject invention in the United States is in breach of such agreement.

(k) Special Provisions for *Contracts* with Nonprofit Organizations

If the *contractor* is a nonprofit organization, it agrees that:

- (1) Rights to a subject invention in the United States may not be assigned without the approval of the *Federal agency*, except where such assignment is made to an organization which has as one of its primary functions the management of inventions, provided that such assignee will be subject to the same provisions as the *contractor*;
- (2) The *contractor* will share royalties collected on a subject invention with the inventor, including Federal employee co-inventors (when the agency deems it appropriate) when the subject invention is assigned in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 202(e) and 37 CFR 401.10;
- (3) The balance of any royalties or income earned by the *contractor* with respect to subject inventions, after payment of expenses (including payments to inventors) incidental to the administration of subject inventions, will be utilized for the support of scientific research or education; and
- (4) It will make efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to attract licensees of subject invention that are small business firms and that it will give a preference to a small business firm when licensing a subject invention if the *contractor* determines that the small business firm has a plan or proposal for marketing the invention which, if executed, is equally as likely to bring the invention to

practical application as any plans or proposals from applicants that are not small business firms; provided, that the *contractor* is also satisfied that the small business firm has the capability and resources to carry out its plan or proposal. The decision whether to give a preference in any specific case will be at the discretion of the *contractor*. However, the *contractor* agrees that the Secretary applicants, and the *contractor* will negotiate changes to its licensing policies, procedures, or practices with the Secretary when the Secretary's review discloses that the *contractor* could take reasonable steps to implement more effectively the requirements of this paragraph (k)(4).

(l) Communication

Any communications to be given hereunder by either party to the other shall be deemed to be duly given if set forth in writing and personally delivered or sent by mail, registered or certified, postage prepaid with return receipt requested, **as follows:**

Written notices hereunder delivered personally shall be deemed communicated as of actual receipt; mailed notices shall be deemed communicated five (5) days after deposit in the mail, post prepaid, certified, in accordance with this Paragraph.

CLEAN AIR ACT

(For all awarded contracts with a value greater than \$150,000.00)

- (m) The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.
- (n) The contractor agrees to report each violation to the (name of applicant entering into the contract) and understands and agrees that the (name of the applicant entering into the contract) will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- (o) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

(For all awarded contracts with a value greater than \$150,000.00)

- (1) The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
- (2) The contractor agrees to report each violation to the (name of the applicant entering into the contract) and understands and agrees that the (name of the applicant entering into the contract) will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- (3) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION ***Contractor must complete enclosed certification***

- (1) This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor's principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).
- (2) The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

- (3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by Client. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to (insert name of recipient/subrecipient/applicant), the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
- (4) The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT

(For all awarded contracts with a value greater than \$100,000.00.) **Contractor must complete enclosed certification**

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended) Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall 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 shall 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 recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the awarding agency.

The Contractor 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 any 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 federally 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 contractor shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) Contractor will include language of this certification in all subcontract awards at any tier and require that all recipients of subcontract awards in excess of \$150,000.00 shall certify and disclose accordingly.

PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS

(The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the EPA at 40

C.F.R. 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 by 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.)

- (1) In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA designated items unless the product cannot be acquired:
 - a) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
 - b) Meeting contract performance requirements; or
 - c) At a reasonable price.
- (2) Information about this requirement is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines website, <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/>.

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

- (3) The Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the "Solid Waste Disposal Act."

ACCESS TO RECORDS

The following access to records requirements apply to this contract:

- (1) The Contractor agrees to provide the Client, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- (2) The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- (3) The Contractor agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.
- (4) In compliance with the Disaster Recovery Act of 2018, the Client and the Contractor acknowledge and agree that no language in this contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the FEMA Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.

CHANGES

To be eligible for FEMA assistance under the non-Federal entity's FEMA grant or cooperative agreement, the cost of the change, modification, change order, or constructive change must be allowable, allocable, within the scope of its grant or cooperative agreement, and reasonable for the completion of project scope.

FEMA recommends, therefore, that a non-Federal entity include a changes clause in its contract that describes how, if at all, changes can be made by either party to alter the method, price, or schedule of the work without breaching the contract. The language of the clause may differ depending on the nature of the contract and the end-item procured.

DHS SEAL, LOGO, AND FLAGS

The contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre-approval.

COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS, AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS

This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund all or a portion of the contract. The contractor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS

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

PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING FOR COVERED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES

2 C.F.R. § 200.216, as implemented by FEMA Policy 405-143-1, prohibits the Contractor from using equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.

DOMESTIC PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENTS

As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the Contractor agrees, to the greatest extent practicable, prefer the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products).

AFFIRMATIVE SOCIOECONOMIC STEPS

If subcontracts are to be let, the prime contractor is required to take all necessary steps identified in 2_C.F.R. § 200.321(b)(1)-(5) to ensure that small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

COPYRIGHT AND DATA RIGHTS

"License and Delivery of Works Subject to Copyright and Data Rights"

The Contractor grants to the Client a paid-up, royalty-free, nonexclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license in data first produced in the performance of this contract to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, including prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, and perform publicly and display publicly such data. For data required by the contract but not first produced in the performance of this contract, the Contractor will identify such data and grant to the Client or acquires on its behalf a license of the same scope as for data first produced in the performance of this contract. Data, as used herein, shall include any work subject to copyright under 17 U.S.C. § 102, for example, any written reports or literary works, software and/or source code, music, choreography, pictures or images, graphics, sculptures, videos, motion pictures or other audiovisual works, sound and/or video recordings, and architectural works. Upon or before the completion of this contract, the Contractor will deliver to the Client data first produced in the performance of this contract and data required by the contract but not first produced in the performance of this contract in formats acceptable by the Client."

BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING CERTIFICATION

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

Date

<p>REQUIRED FORM</p>

<p><u>Proposer:</u></p>

<p>Please complete this form and include with proposal submission.</p>

DEBARMENT/SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

Non-Federal entities and contractors are subject to the debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension (1986) and Executive Order 12689, Debarment and Suspension (1989) at 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and the Department of Homeland Security's regulations at 2 C.F.R. Part 3000 (No procurement Debarment and Suspension).

This requirement applies to all FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs.

Federal Executive Order (E.O.) 12549 "Debarment" requires that all contractors receiving individual awards, using federal funds, and all sub recipients certify that the organization and its principals are not debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency from doing business with the Federal Government. By signing this document, you certify that your organization and its principals are not debarred. Failure to comply or attempts to edit this language may disqualify your bid/proposal. Information on debarment is available at the following websites: www.sam.gov and <https://acquisition.gov/far/index.html> see section 52.209-6.

The Contractor _____ certifies or affirms by your signature that neither you nor your principal is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

REQUIRED FORM**Proposer:**

**Please complete this form and
include with proposal submission.**

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE PROVISIONS

1. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (Equal Opportunity Clause)

(For all awarded contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" provided in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3)

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

- 1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:
Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- 2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- 3) The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.
- 4) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- 5) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- 6) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- 7) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or order this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE PROVISIONS (CONTINUED)

- 8) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

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

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

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

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

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

REQUIRED FORM

Proposer:

**Please complete this form and
include with proposal submission.**

SECTION 3. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements and instructions supersede General Requirements where applicable.

3.1. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

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.

Respondent is responsible for submitting: One (1) original and five (5) response copies; with all copies to include a completed copy of this specifications packet, in its entirety.

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

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

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

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.

All submissions must be received by 11:00 am CT, Wednesday, May 24, 2023.

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

Please direct questions to Mistey Reeves, Assistant Purchasing Agent at 409-835-8593 or e-mail at:

mistey.reeves@jeffcotx.us. If no response in 72 hours, contact Deborah Clark, Purchasing Agent at 409-835-8593 or email at: deb.clark@jeffcotx.us.

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 submittal. Mondays and Tuesdays are particularly heavy days.

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Jefferson County will be implementing precautionary measures as currently recommended by the CDC within its facilities.

Respondents are strongly urged to plan accordingly.

COUNTY HOLIDAYS (2023):

January 16	(Monday)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 20	(Monday)	President's Day
April 7	(Friday)	Good Friday
May 29	(Monday)	Memorial Day
July 4	(Tuesday)	Independence Day
September 4	(Monday)	Labor Day
November 10	(Friday)	Veteran's Day
November 23 & 24	(Thursday & Friday)	Thanksgiving
December 25 & 26	(Monday & Tuesday)	Christmas
January 1, 2024	(Monday)	New Year's

Submissions During Time of Inclement Weather, Disaster, or Emergency:

In case of inclement weather or any other unforeseen event causing the County to close for business on the date of a bid/proposal/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 Statements of Qualifications 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.

3.2 PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

There will be a Pre-Proposal Conference on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 2:00 PM CT, at Jefferson County Commissioners' Courtroom located at 1149 Pearl Street, 4th Floor, Beaumont, TX 77701.

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

3.3 QUESTIONS AND DEADLINE FOR QUESTION SUBMISSION

Questions may be emailed to **Mistey Reeves, Assistant Purchasing Agent** at: mistey.reeves@jeffcotx.us or faxed at: 409-835-8456.

The Deadline for asking questions or requesting additional information (in writing) is 5:00 pm, CT, Friday, May 12, 2023.

3.4 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 18, 2023	Issuance of Request for Proposal
May 1, 2023	Pre-Proposal Conference
May 24, 2023	Deadline Submission (late proposals will not be considered)
May 26, 2023	Proposals distributed to Evaluation Committee
June 2, 2023	Evaluation Committee Convenes to Tabulate Scoring and Determines Short List
June 9, 2023	If Applicable: Conduct Interview/Best and Final Offer/Short List
June 20, 2023	Recommendation for Award

Please note:

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

SECTION 4. PROPOSAL FORMAT REQUIREMENTS

4.1 INTRODUCTION TO PROPOSAL FORMAT REQUIREMENTS

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.

4.2 ORGANIZATION OF PROPOSAL CONTENTS

Each proposal must be organized in the manner described below:

- A. Transmittal Letter
- B. Table of Contents
- C. Executive Summary
- D. Proposer Identifying Information
- E. Proposer Personnel and Organization
- F. Cost Proposal Form (Page 60)
- G. Copy of RFP Specifications and any Addenda in their entirety.
(Note: All forms should be completed, and any information requested should be inserted/included)

4.3 TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The Proposer 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 **(90)** days from the deadline for delivery of proposals to the County. Any proposal containing a term of less than **(90)** days for acceptance will be rejected as non-responsive.

The transmittal letter must be signed by a person legally authorized to bind the Proposer to the representations in the response. In the case of a joint proposal, each party must sign the transmittal letter. The Proposer also must indicate, in its transmittal letter, why it believes that it is the most qualified Proposer 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 Proposer takes exception to any of the proposed terms and conditions stated in this RFP, those exceptions must be noted in the transmittal letter. However, Proposer must realize that failure to accept the terms specified in this proposal may result in disqualification of the proposal.

4.4 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.

4.5 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

4.6 PROPOSER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Proposers must provide the following identifying information with their proposal submission:

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

4.7 PROPOSER'S PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION

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

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

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

Jefferson County is committed to using the selected Performance Review Company according to reasonable and well-planned timeframes, to the extent possible. Jefferson County is committed to making available its personnel in a similar manner to enable the Performance Review team able to perform its duties in a timely basis.

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 5. PROJECT OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

5.1 PROJECT OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

- **General Information**

1. Jefferson County is requesting proposals from qualified firms of certified public accountants to audit its financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, with the option of auditing its financial statements for each of the two (2) subsequent years. These audits are to be performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* "Uniform Guidance"; and the State of Texas *Uniform Grant Management Standards* ("UGMS"). These audits are to be performed in accordance with the provisions contained in the RFP.
2. There is no expressed or implied obligation for Jefferson County to reimburse responding firms for any expenses incurred in preparing proposals in response to this request.
3. A pre-proposal conference for all interested firms will be held at 2:00 pm CDT on May 1, 2023 at 1149 Pearl Street, 4th Floor, Commissioners' Courtroom, Beaumont, Texas 77701 to answer questions about the engagement.
4. Proposals submitted will be evaluated by an Audit Committee selected by Commissioners' Court.
5. During the evaluation process, the Audit Committee and Jefferson County reserve the right, where it may serve Jefferson County's best interest, to request additional information or clarification from Offerors, or to allow corrections of errors or omissions. At the discretion of Jefferson County or the Audit Committee, firms submitting proposals may be requested to make oral presentations as part of the evaluation process.
6. Jefferson County reserves the right to retain all proposals submitted and to use any ideas in a proposal regardless of whether that proposal is selected. Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance of the firm of the conditions contained in this RFP, unless clearly and specifically noted in the proposal submitted and confirmed in the contract between Jefferson County and the firm selected.

- **Terms of Contract**

A one (1) year contract with up to two (2) one (1) year mutually agreed upon renewals is contemplated, subject to the annual review and recommendations of the Audit Committee, the satisfactory negotiation of terms (including a price acceptable to both Jefferson County and the selected firm), the concurrence of Commissioners' Court, and the annual availability of an appropriation.

- **Subcontracting**

Firms submitting proposals are encouraged to consider subcontracting portions of the engagement to small audit firms or audit firms owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. If this is to be done, that fact, and the name of the proposed subcontracting firms, must be clearly identified in the proposal. Following the award of the audit engagement, no additional subcontracting will be allowed without the express prior written consent of Jefferson County.

5.2 **NATURE OF SERVICES REQUIRED**

- **Scope of Work (Label Exhibit A)**

1. Jefferson County desires the Contractor (Offeror whose proposal is selected for award) to express an opinion of the fair presentation of its general purpose financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.
2. Jefferson County also desires the Contractor to provide an “in-relation-to” opinion on the combined and individual fund financial statements based on the auditing procedures applied during the audit of the general purpose financial statements. The Contractor is not required to audit the statistical section of the report.
3. The Contractor shall also be responsible for performing certain limited procedures involving supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board as mandated by generally accepted auditing standards.
4. The Contractor is not required to audit the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. However, the Contractor is to provide an “in-relation-to” report on that schedule, based on the auditing procedures applied during the audit of the financial statements.
5. The Contractor is not required to audit the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) compliance and schedule. However, the Contractor is to provide an “in-relation-to” report on that schedule, based on the auditing procedures applied during the audit of the financial statements.

- **Auditing Standards**

To meet the requirements of this RFP, the audit shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards as set forth by the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts, the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (“Uniform Guidance”); and the *State of Texas Uniform Grant Management Standards* (“UGMS”).

- **Reports**

1. Following completion of the audit of the fiscal year’s financial statement, the Contractor shall issue the following:
 - a. A report on the fair presentation of the general purpose financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.
 - b. A report on compliance and on internal controls over financial reporting based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
 - c. A report on compliance requirements applicable to each major program and internal controls over compliance in accordance with Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (“Uniform Guidance”); and the *State of Texas Uniform Grant Management Standards* (“UGMS”).
 - d. An “in-relation-to” report on the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards.
 - e. A report on compliance requirement applicable to the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Program and on Internal Control over Compliance.

- f. An “in-relation-to” report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) charges.
2. In the required report(s) on internal controls, the Contractor shall communicate any reportable conditions found during the audit to the Jefferson County Audit Committee, which shall convene at periodic intervals during the audit. A reportable condition shall be defined as a significant deficiency in the design or operation of the internal control structures that could adversely affect the organization’s ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.
3. Reportable conditions that are also material weaknesses shall be identified as such in the report.
4. Non-reportable conditions discovered by the Contractor shall be reported in a separate letter to management, which shall be referred to in the report(s) on internal controls.
5. The reports on compliance shall include **all** instances of noncompliance.
6. The Contractor shall be required to make an immediate, **written** report of all irregularities and illegal acts or indications of illegal acts of which they become aware to the Audit Committee.
7. The Contractor shall assure itself that the Audit Committee is informed of each of the following:
 - a. The Contractor’s responsibility under generally accepted auditing standards,
 - b. Significant accounting policies,
 - c. Management judgments and accounting estimates,
 - d. Significant audit adjustments,
 - e. Other information in documents containing audited financial statements,
 - f. Disagreements with management,
 - g. Management consultation with other accountants,
 - h. Major issues discussed with management prior to retention, and
 - i. Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

- **Special Considerations**

1. Jefferson County will send its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report to the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for review in the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting program. It is anticipated that the Contractor will be required to provide special assistance to Jefferson County to meet the requirements of that program.
2. Jefferson County currently anticipates it will prepare one or more official statements in connection with the sale of debt securities containing the general purpose financial statements and the auditor’s report thereon. The Contractor shall be required, if requested by the fiscal advisor and/or the underwriter, to issue a “consent and citation of expertise” as the auditor and any necessary “comfort letters.”

3. The schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards and related auditor's report, as well as the reports on the internal controls and compliance are to be issued separately from the comprehensive annual financial report.
4. The schedule of expenditures of Passenger Facility Charges, as well as the reports on the internal controls and compliance are to be issued separately from the comprehensive annual financial report.

- **Working Paper Retention and Access to Working Papers**

1. All working papers and reports must be retained, at the Contractor's expense, for a minimum of three (3) years, unless the firm is notified in writing by Jefferson County of the need to extend the retention period. The Contractor will be required to make working papers available upon request to the following parties or their designees:
 - a. Jefferson County,
 - b. United States Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency,
 - c. U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO),
 - d. Parties designated by the federal or state government or Jefferson County as part of an audit quality review process,
 - e. Auditors of entities of which Jefferson County is a sub recipient of grant funds.
2. In addition, the Contractor shall respond to the reasonable inquiries of successor auditors and allow successor auditors to review working papers relating to matters of continuing accounting significance.

5.3 DESCRIPTION OF THE GOVERNMENT

- **Contact**

The Contractor's principal contacts with Jefferson County will be Patrick Swain, County Auditor (409-835-8500), Fran Lee, 1st Assistant County Auditor (409-835-8500) or a designated representative, who will coordinate the assistance to be provided by Jefferson County to the Contractor.

An organizational chart is provided at Attachment 1.

- **Background Information**

1. Jefferson County serves an area of 904 square miles, with a population of 253,704. Jefferson County's fiscal year begins on October 1 and ends on September 30.
2. Jefferson County provides services to the citizens, including, but not limited to, the maintenance and construction of roads and bridges, judicial and law enforcement services, and health and welfare services.
3. Jefferson County has a total payroll of approximately \$74,128,37.00, covering 1,102 employees.
4. Jefferson County is organized into approximately 100 departments and agencies. The accounting and financial reporting functions are centralized.

5. Ford Park-Operations are managed by Spectra. A separate accounting system is used for Ford Park-Operations. Spreadsheets are used for consolidation and financial reporting for the Enterprise Fund – Ford Park,
6. More detailed information can be found in the Annual Financial Statements and Annual Budget, which are available for interested parties at the County Auditor’s Office, 1149 Pearl Street, Seventh Floor, Beaumont, Texas 77701, Telephone 409-835-8500, or at the Jefferson County website (www.co.jefferson.tx.us, select the link for the Auditor’s Office).
7. The Jefferson County, Texas Single Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2022 is provided in Attachment 2.
8. The Jefferson County, Texas Schedule of Expenditures of Passenger Facility Charges for Fiscal Year 2022 is provided in Attachment 3.
9. A copy of our latest management letter is provided in Attachment 4.

- **Fund Structure**

Jefferson County uses the following fund types and accounting groups in its financial reporting:

Fund Type/Account Group	Number of Individual Funds
General Fund	1
Special Revenue Funds	60
Debt Service Funds	2
Capital Projects Funds	5
Enterprise Funds	2
Internal Service Funds	3
Expendable Trust Funds	-
Nonexpendable Trust Funds	-
Pension Trust Funds	-
Investment Trust Fund	1
Custodial Funds	10

- **Budgetary Basis of Accounting**

Jefferson County prepares its budgets on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

- **Federal and State Financial Assistance**

During the prior fiscal year, Jefferson County’s total expenditures of federal awards was \$12,963,571. The County’s total expenditures of state awards was \$3,087,160.

- **Pension Plans**

Jefferson County participates in the following pensions plans:

1. Texas County and District Retirement System
2. Employee IRC Section 457 Plan/Deferred Compensation Fund

- **Component Units**

1. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements of the reporting entity includes those of Jefferson County (the primary government).
2. The following are excluded from the reporting entity:
 - a. Jefferson County Navigation District, Drainage District #3, Drainage District #6, and Drainage District #7. These potential component units have separate governing boards and provide services to the residents of Jefferson County. They have been excluded from the reporting entity because Jefferson County does not have the ability to exercise influence over their daily operations, approve budgets, or provide funding. In addition, the Drainage Districts were created under the provisions of Chapter 7 of Title 128, Article 16, Section 59a, of the State Constitution, Vernon's Annotated Statutes, thus establishing them as political subdivisions of the state.
 - b. The Foreign Trade Zone, which was established by the voters of Jefferson County. The board is jointly appointed by the boards of the three area ports and Commissioners' Court. The County does not have the ability to influence the daily operations, select management, or hold title to any or the Foreign Trade Zone's assets. Funding is provided equally by the three area ports and the County.
 - c. Jefferson County Health Facilities Development Corporation, Jefferson County Housing Finance Corporation, and Jefferson County Industrial Development Corporation. These nonprofit independent corporations have a board appointed by the County Commissioners. The County does not have the ability to significantly influence the operation of, provide funding to, or have any obligation to pay off the bonds issued by these corporations.
 - d. Pleasure Island Park Board
 - e. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

- **Magnitude of Financial Operations**

The County Auditor's Department is headed by Patrick Swain, County Auditor, and consists of fifteen (15) employees. Ford Park-Operations has a financial staff of three (3) employees.

- **Computer Systems**

1. Hardware: IBM AS400
2. Software:
 - a. County
 - Make – Superion, Central Square
 - Major Applications – Government Management & Budgetary Accounting: General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Budgeting, Project/Grant Accounting, Investment Tracking, Payroll, Cash Receipts
 - b. Ford Park-Operations
 - Make: Sage 100
 - Major Applications – General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Cash Receipts

- **Internal Audit Function**

Jefferson County maintains an internal audit function, which reports to Patrick Swain, County Auditor.

- **Availability of Prior Audit Reports and Working Papers**

Interested Offerors who wish to review prior years' audit reports and management letters should contact Patrick Swain, County Auditor or Fran Lee, 1st Assistant County Auditor, at 1149 Pearl Street, Seventh Floor, Beaumont, Texas 77701, Telephone 409-835-8500 or at the Jefferson County website (www.co.jefferson.tx.us, select the link for the Auditor's Office). Jefferson County will use its best efforts to make prior audit reports and supporting working papers available to Offerors to aid their response to this RFP.

5.4 IMPORTANT DATES

- **RFP and Proposal Dates**

Request for proposal issued	April 18, 2023
Pre-proposal conference	May 1, 2023, 2:00 pm
Due date/time for proposals	May 24, 2023 11:00 am

- **Estimated Notification and Contract Dates**

Selected firm notified	June 20, 2023
Contract date	June 27, 2023

- **Date Audit May Commence**

Jefferson County will have all records ready for final audit fieldwork and all management personnel available to meet with the Contractor's personnel as of January 15, 2024. Interim work may be performed during August and September of each audit year.

- **Schedule for the 2023 Fiscal Year Audit***

Jefferson County will have all records ready for final audit fieldwork and all management personnel available to meet with the Contractor's personnel as of January 15, 2024. Interim work may be performed during August and September of each audit year.

Each of the following should be completed by the Contractor no later than the dates indicated:

1. The auditor shall complete all field work by February 28, 2024.
2. The auditor shall have drafts of the audit report(s) and recommendations to management (including the final review of the financial statements) available for review by the Audit Committee and the County Auditor by March 10, 2024.

* A similar time schedule will be developed for audits of future fiscal years if Jefferson County exercises its option for additional audits.

5.5 **REPORTS**

- **Entrance Conferences, Progress Reporting, and Exit Conferences** At a minimum, the following conferences should be held by the dates indicated:

Conference	Purpose	Week of
Entrance conference with Patrick Swain, County Auditor	To establish overall liaison for the audit and to make arrangements for work space and other needs of the auditor related to the beginning of field work	August 7, 2024
Exit conference with Patrick Swain, County Auditor, and Audit Committee	To summarize the results of field work and to review significant findings	March 13, 2024
Progress Report	As needed	As requested

- **Final Report**

1. The County Auditor shall prepare draft financial statements, notes, and all required supplementary schedules by February 20, 2024. The auditor shall provide all recommendations, revisions, and suggestions for improvement to the County Auditor by March 13, 2024.
2. The County Auditor and the Audit Committee will complete their review of the draft report as expeditiously as possible. It is not expected that their process shall exceed one week. During that period, the Contractor shall be available for any meetings that may be necessary to discuss the audit reports. Once all issues for discussion are resolved, the final signed report shall be delivered to Jefferson County Commissioners' Court.
3. The final audit report shall be delivered to Jefferson County Commissioners' Court, 1149 Pearl Street – Fourth Floor, Beaumont, Texas 77701 by March 26, 2024.

5.6 **ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED AND REPORT PRESENTATION** (Label Exhibit C)

- **County Auditor's Office and Clerical Assistance**

The County Auditor's staff and responsible management personnel will be available during the audit to assist the Contractor by providing information, documentation, and explanations. The preparation of confirmations will be the responsibility of the Contractor.

- **Statements and Schedules to be Prepared by Jefferson County**

The staff of Jefferson County will assist with the preparation of various schedules. A list shall be developed and presented to the County Auditor prior to the beginning of field work.

- **Work Area, Telephones, Photocopying, and Fax Machines**

Jefferson County will provide the Contractor with reasonable work space, desks, and chairs. The Contractor will also be provided with access to a telephone line, photocopying facilities, fax machines, and inquiry-only on the AS400.

- **Report Preparation**

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report – Report preparation, editing, and printing shall be the responsibility of Jefferson County.

Single Audit – Report preparation, editing, and printing shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

Passenger Facility Charge Program – Report preparation, editing, and printing shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

5.7 **TECHNICAL APPROACH**

- **General Requirements**

The purpose of the Technical Proposal is to demonstrate the qualifications, competence, and capacity of Offerors seeking to undertake an independent audit of Jefferson County in conformity with the requirements of this RFP. As such, the substance of proposals will carry more weight than their form or manner of presentation. The Technical Proposal shall demonstrate the qualifications of the Offeror and of the particular staff to be assigned to this contract. It shall also specify an audit approach that meets the RFP requirements.

There shall be no dollar units or total costs included in the technical proposal document.

The Technical Proposal shall address all the points outlined in the RFP (excluding any cost information, which shall only be included in the sealed dollar cost bid). The proposal shall be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the Offeror's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP. While additional data may be presented, the following subjects, items 1 through 8, must be included. They represent the criteria against which the proposal will be evaluated.

1. Independence -

The Offeror shall provide an affirmative statement that it is independent of Jefferson County as defined by generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*.

The Offeror shall also provide an affirmative statement that it is independent of all component units of Jefferson County as defined by those same standards/

The Offeror shall also list and describe the firm's (or proposed subcontractors') professional relationships involving Jefferson County for the past five (5) years, together with a statement explaining why such relationships do not constitute a conflict of interest relative to performing the proposed audit.

2. License to Practice in Texas -

An affirmative statement shall be included that the Offeror and all assigned key professional staff are properly licensed to practice in Texas.

3. Firm Qualifications and Experience -

The Offeror shall state the size of the firm, the size of the firm's governmental audit staff, the location of the office from which the work on the contract is to be performed, the number and nature of the professional staff to be employed on this contract on a full-time basis, and the number and nature of the staff to be so employed on a part-time basis.

If the Offeror is a joint venture or consortium, the qualifications of each firm comprising the joint venture or consortium shall be separately identified. The firm that is to serve as the principal auditor shall be noted, if applicable.

The Offeror is also required to submit a copy of the report on its most recent external quality control review, with a statement whether that quality control review included a review of specific **government** engagements.

The Offeror shall also provide information on the results of any federal or state desk reviews or field reviews of its audits during the past three (3) years. In addition, the Offeror shall provide

information on the circumstances and status of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the Offeror during the past three (3) years with state regulatory bodies or professional organizations.

4. Partner, Supervisory, and Staff Qualifications and Experience -

Identify the principal supervisory and management staff, including contract partners, managers, other supervisors, and specialists who would be assigned to the contract. Indicate whether each such person is registered or licensed to practice as a certified public accountant in Texas. Provide information on the government auditing experience of each person, including information on relevant continuing professional education for the past three (3) years and membership in professional organizations relevant to the performance of this audit.

Provide as much information as possible regarding the number, qualifications, experience and training, including relevant continuing professional education, of the specific staff to be assigned to this contract. Indicate how the quality of staff over the term of the contract will be assured.

Contract partners, managers, other supervisory staff, and specialists may be changed if those personnel leave the firm, are promoted, or are assigned to another office. These personnel may also be changed for other reasons with the express prior written permission of Jefferson County. However, in either case, Jefferson County retains the right to approve or reject replacements.

Consultants and specialists mentioned in response to this RFP can only be changed with the express prior written permission of Jefferson County, which retains the right to approve or reject replacements.

Other audit personnel may be changed at the discretion of the Offeror, provided the replacements have substantially the same or better qualifications or experience.

5. Prior Contracts with Jefferson County -

List separately all contracts within the last five (5) years, ranked on the basis of total staff hours, for Jefferson County by type of engagement (i.e., audit, management advisory services, other). Indicate the scope of work, date, contract partners, total hours, the location of the firm's office from which the contract was performed, and the name and telephone number of the principal client contact.

6. Similar Contracts with Other Government Entities -

For the Offeror's office that will be assigned responsibility for the audit, list the most significant contracts (maximum – five (5)) performed in the last five (5) years that are similar to the contract described in this RFP. These contracts shall be ranked on the basis of total staff hours. Indicate the scope of work, date, contract partners, total hours, and the name and telephone number of the principal client contact.

7. Specific Audit Approach -

Offerors will be required to provide the following information on their audit approach:

- a. Level of staff and number of hours to be assigned to each proposed segment of the contract.

No dollar amounts shall be included in the technical proposal.

- b. Sample size and the extent to which statistical sampling is to be used in the contract.
- c. Extent of use of EDP software in the contract.
- d. Type and extent of analytical procedures to be used in the contract.

- e. Approach to be taken to gain and document an understanding of Jefferson County's internal control structure.
- f. Approach to be taken in determining laws and regulations that will be subject to audit test work.
- g. Approach to be taken in drawing audit samples for purposes of tests of compliance.

8. Identification of Anticipated Potential Audit Problems

The proposal shall identify and describe any anticipated potential audit problems, the Offeror's approach to resolving these problems, and any special assistance that will be requested from Jefferson County.

No dollar amounts shall be included in the technical proposal.

5.8 SEALED DOLLAR COST BID (Label Exhibit D)

- Total, All-Inclusive, Maximum Price
 - 1. The sealed dollar cost bid shall contain all pricing information relative to performing the audit engagement as described in this RFP. The total, all-inclusive, maximum price to be bid is to contain all direct and indirect costs, including all out-of-pocket expenses.
 - 2. Jefferson County will not be responsible for expenses incurred in preparing and submitting the technical proposal or the seal dollar cost bid. Such costs shall not be included in the proposal.
 - 3. The first page of the sealed dollar cost bid shall include the following information:
 - Name of firm.
 - Certification that the person signing the proposal is entitled to represent the firm, empowered to submit the bid, and authorized to sign a contract with Jefferson County.
 - A total, all-inclusive, maximum price for the 2023 engagement.
- Rates by Partner, Specialist, Supervisory, and Staff Level Times Hours Anticipated for Each

The second page of the sealed dollar cost bid shall include a schedule of professional fees and expenses, presented in the format provided in Exhibit D, which supports the total, all-inclusive, maximum price.
- Out-of-Pocket Expenses Included in the Total, All-Inclusive, Maximum Price and Reimbursement Rates
 - 1. Out-of-pocket expenses for firm personnel (e.g., travel, lodging, and subsistence) will be reimbursed at the rates used by Jefferson County for its employees. All estimated out-of-pocket expenses to be reimbursed shall be presented on the second page of the sealed dollar cost bid in the format provided in Exhibit D. All expense reimbursements will be charged against the total, all-inclusive, maximum price submitted by the Offeror.

2. In addition, a statement must be included in the sealed dollar cost bid stating the firm will accept reimbursement for travel, lodging, and subsistence at the prevailing Jefferson County rates for its employees.

- Rates for Additional Professional Services

If it shall become necessary for Jefferson County to request the auditor to render any additional services to either supplement the services requested in this RFP or to perform additional work as a result of the specific recommendations included in any report issued on this engagement, then such additional work shall be performed only if set forth in an addendum to the contract between Jefferson County and the Contractor. Any such additional work agreed to between Jefferson County and the Contractor shall be performed at the same rates set forth in the schedule of fees and expenses included in the sealed dollar cost bid.

- Manner of Payment

Progress payments shall be made on the basis of hours of work completed during the course of the engagement and out-of-pocket expenses incurred in accordance with the Contractor's dollar cost bid proposal. Interim billing shall cover a period of not less than one (1) calendar month.

5.9 REQUIREMENTS

- General Requirements

1. Pre-proposal Conference and On-site Inspections - A conference for firms interested in submitting proposals will be held at 2:00 pm, May 1, 2023, in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1149 Pearl Street – Fourth Floor, Beaumont, Texas 77701. Both verbal and written questions will be accepted during this conference.
2. Inquiries - Inquiries concerning the RFP must be made to Mistey Reeves, Assistant Purchasing Agent, Jefferson County Purchasing Department, mistey.reeves@jeffcotx.us.
3. Submission of Proposals - The following material must be received by May 24, 2023 (bid due date) in order for an Offeror to be considered:
 - a. An original of the Technical Proposal and five (5) copies, including the following:
 - Title page: showing the RFP Number and Title, the Offeror's name (including name, address and telephone number of point of contact), and the date of the proposal.
 - Table of Contents.
 - A signed transmittal letter briefing stating the Offeror's understanding of the work to be done, the commitment to perform the work within the time period given, a statement of why the firm believes itself to be best qualified to perform the work, and a statement that the proposal is a firm and irrevocable offer for thirty (30) days.
 - A detailed proposal following the order set for in Section 5.7, Technical Approach, of this RFP.
 - Executed copies of the **Proposer Warranties**, attached to this report as Exhibit B.

4. The Offeror shall submit an original and five (5) copies of a dollar cost bid in a separate, sealed envelope marked as follows:

**Sealed Dollar Cost Request for Proposal
(RFP 23-019/MR), Auditing Services for Jefferson County
May 27, 2020**

5.10 EVALUATION PROCEDURES

- **Audit Committee**

Proposals submitted will be evaluated by an Audit Committee selected by Commissioners' Court.

- **Review of Proposals**

1. The Audit Committee will use a point formula during the review process to score proposals. The full Audit Committee will score each technical proposal by each of the criteria described in Sections 2 through 3 below. Offerors with an unacceptably low score will be eliminated from further consideration.
2. After the technical score for each Offeror has been established, the sealed dollar cost bid will be opened and additional points will be added to the technical score based on the price bid. The maximum score for price will be assigned to the Offeror offering the lowest total, all-inclusive, maximum price. Appropriate fractional scores will be assigned to other Offerors.
3. Jefferson County reserves the right to retain all proposals submitted and use any idea in a proposal regardless of whether that proposal is selected.

- **Evaluation Criteria**

Proposals will be evaluated using three sets of criteria listed below. Firms meeting the mandatory criteria will have their proposals evaluated and scored for both technical qualifications and price.

1. Mandatory Elements (Maximum Points: 10)
 - a. The Offeror is independent and licensed to practice in Texas.
 - b. The Offeror has no conflict of interest with regard to any other work performed by the Offeror for Jefferson County.
 - c. The Offeror adhered to the instructions in this RFP on preparing and submitting the proposal.
 - d. The Offeror submitted a copy of its last external quality control review report, which shows that the firm has a record of quality audit work.
2. Technical Qualifications (Maximum Points: 70)
 - a. Expertise and Experience
 - The Offeror's past experience and performance on comparable government contracts.

- The quality of the Offeror's professional personnel to be assigned to the contract and the quality of the Offeror's management support personnel to be available for technical consultation.

b. Audit Approach

- Adequacy of proposed staffing plan for various segments of the engagement.
- Adequacy of sampling techniques.
- Adequacy of analytical procedures.

3. Price (Maximum Points: 20)

Cost will not be the primary factor in the selection of an audit firm.

- **Oral Presentation**

During the evaluation process, the Audit Committee may, at its discretion, request any one or all Offerors to make oral presentations. Such presentations will provide Offerors with an opportunity to answer any questions the Audit Committee may have on a Offeror's proposal. Not all Offerors may be asked to make such oral presentations.

- **Final Selection**

1. Jefferson County Commissioners' Court will select a Contractor based upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee.
2. It is anticipated that a Contractor will be selected by June 20, 2023. Following notification of the firm selected, it is expected that a contract will be executed between both parties by June 27, 2023.

- **Right to Reject Proposals**

1. Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance by the Offeror of the conditions contained in this RFP unless clearly and specifically noted in the proposal submitted and confirmed in the contract between Jefferson County and the Contractor selected.
2. Jefferson County Commissioners' Court reserves the right without prejudice to reject any or all proposals.

5.11 LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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

SECTION 6. PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

6.1 INTRODUCTION TO EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

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

6.2 COST PROPOSAL

The Proposer must utilize the form provided on **PAGE 60 of these specifications** in its submission of a cost proposal in response to this RFP. The cost proposal must be included in each copy of the proposal. Any reworked version of this provided form that is intended to be a substitute for **PAGE 60 of these specifications**, that is provided by a Proposer may be determined as non-responsive, and may result in the proposal's disqualification.

6.3 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 Proposals. 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.

6.4. EVALUATION PROCESS

RFP Submittals 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 submittal if it is determined to be in the best interest of the County.

While Jefferson County appreciates a brief, straight-forward, and concise reply; proposer 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 proposer. The proposal document 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.

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 will 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 and Commissioners' Court. 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.

**PROPOSER: INSERT ALL ADDENDA BEHIND THIS PAGE.
PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE, SIGN, ATTEST, AND DATE EACH ADDENDUM.**

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF SERVICES

(Provide Scope of Services)

EXHIBIT B

PROPOSER WARRANTIES

1. Proposer warrants that it is willing and able to comply with State of Texas laws.
2. Proposer warrants that it is willing and able to obtain an errors and omissions insurance policy providing a prudent amount of coverage for the willful or negligent acts, or omissions of any officers, employees, or agents thereof.
3. Proposer warrants that it will not delegate or subcontract its responsibilities under an agreement without the prior written permission of Jefferson County.
4. Proposer warrants that all information provided by it in connection with this proposal is true and correct.

Signature of Official: _____

Name (typed): _____

Title: _____

Firm: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT C

FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER MATERIALS, AND OBLIGATIONS OF COUNTY

(Specify all equipment and facilities to be provided or made available by County,
and other County obligations.)

EXHIBIT D

FORMAT FOR SCHEDULE FOR PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES

TO SUPPORT THE TOTAL, ALL-INCLUSIVE, MAXIMUM PRICE

Schedule of Professional Fees and Expenses for the Audit of the FY 2023 Financial Statements

	Hours	Standard Hourly Rate	Quoted Hourly Rate	Total
Partners	\$	\$	\$	\$
Managers	\$	\$	\$	\$
Supervisory Staff	\$	\$	\$	\$
Staff	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other (specify)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Subtotal				\$
Total for services described in Section 6 of the RFP (detail on subsequent pages)				\$
Out-of-pocket expenses				\$
Meals and lodging				\$
Transportation				\$
Other (specify)				\$
Total, all-inclusive, maximum price for FY 2023 Audit			\$	

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

Proposer:

**Please complete this form and
include with proposal submission.**

RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

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

RFP Number & Name: (RFP 23-009/MR) Auditing Services for Jefferson County

Proposer's Company/Business Name: _____

Proposer'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

Proposer:

**Please complete this form and
include with proposal submission.**

VENDOR REFERENCES FORM

Proposer: 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

Proposer: Please complete this form and include with proposal 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 Proposal/RFP Response shall remain in effect for **90 days** from RFP opening and shall be exclusive of federal excise and state and local sales tax (exempt).

The undersigned agrees, if this proposal is accepted, to furnish any and all items upon which prices are offered, at the price and upon the terms and conditions contained in the Request for 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

Proposer:

**Please complete this form and
include with proposal 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

Proposer:

**Please complete this form and
include with proposal 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). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

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

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

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

Type of Federal Action: _____ a. contract _____ b. grant _____ c. cooperative agreement _____ d. loan _____ e. loan guarantee _____ f. loan insurance	Status of Federal Action: _____ a. bid/offer/application _____ b. initial award _____ c. post-award	Report Type: _____ a. initial filing _____ b. material change
Name and Address of Reporting Entity: _____ Prime _____ 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, <i>if applicable</i> : _____
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

Proposer:

Please complete this form and
include with proposal 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
<p>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.</p> <p>This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).</p> <p>By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.</p> <p>A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.</p>		OFFICE USE ONLY
1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.		Date Received
2 <input type="checkbox"/> 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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

Proposer:

Please complete this form and include with proposal submission.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER
CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT – OFFICE USE ONLY**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT		FORM CIS
<p>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.</p> <p>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.</p>		OFFICE USE ONLY Date Received _____
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). <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____ </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____ </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____ </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> (attach additional forms as necessary) </div>	
6	AFFIDAVIT <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;"> 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. </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px; margin-top: 20px;"> _____ Signature of Local Government Officer </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> 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. </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> _____ Signature of officer administering oath </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> _____ Printed name of officer administering oath </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> _____ Title of officer administering oath </div> </div>	

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 . . .

- | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> 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? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 2. Notify in writing a reasonable number of HUBs, allowing sufficient time for effective participation of the planned work to be subcontracted? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> 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)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 4. Negotiate in good faith with interested HUBs, and not reject bids from HUBs that qualify as lowest and responsive bidders? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 5. Document reasons HUBs were rejected? Was a written rejection notice, including the reason for rejection, provided to the rejected HUBs? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 proposal.

If necessary, please use a separate sheet to answer the above questions.

Printed Name of Authorized Representative

Signature

Title

Date

REQUIRED FORM

Proposer:

**Please complete this form and
include with proposal submission.**

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

This information must be submitted with your proposal.

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Contractor Name: _____ HUB: p Yes p No

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

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

Project Title & No.: _____

Prime Contract Amount: \$ _____

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____

HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): _____

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

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

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

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

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: _____

Printed Name of Contractor Representative

Signature of Representative

Date

Printed Name of HUB

Signature of Representative

Date

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

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

REQUIRED FORM

Proposer:

**Please complete this form and
include with proposal submission.**

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

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This information must be submitted with your proposal.

Proposer 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 SUCONTRACTOR DISCLOSURE

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____

HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): _____

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

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

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

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

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: _____

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Subcontracting Participation Declaration Form**

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HUB Subcontractor Disclosure

PART I: Continuation Sheet (Duplicate as Needed)

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____

HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): _____

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

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

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

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

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: _____

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____

HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): _____

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

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

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

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

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: _____

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

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**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 Proposer 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 Proposer selects, after bid submission, shall be provided to the Purchasing Office not later than five (5) calendar days after being notified that Proposer is the apparent low Proposer. A list of those "Non-HUB" Subcontractors that are selected after contract award must be provided immediately after their selection.

Subcontractor Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

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

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

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: _____

Subcontractor Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

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

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

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: _____

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**Historically Underutilized Business (HUB)
Subcontracting Participation Declaration 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

Proposer:

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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

Proposer:

Please complete this form and include with proposal 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

Proposer:

Please complete this form and include with proposal 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 AFFIDAVIT

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

NAME & TITLE, TYPED OR PRINTED

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

() _____
TELEPHONE NUMBER

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this _____ day of
_____, 2023

Notary Public

State of _____

My Commission Expires: _____

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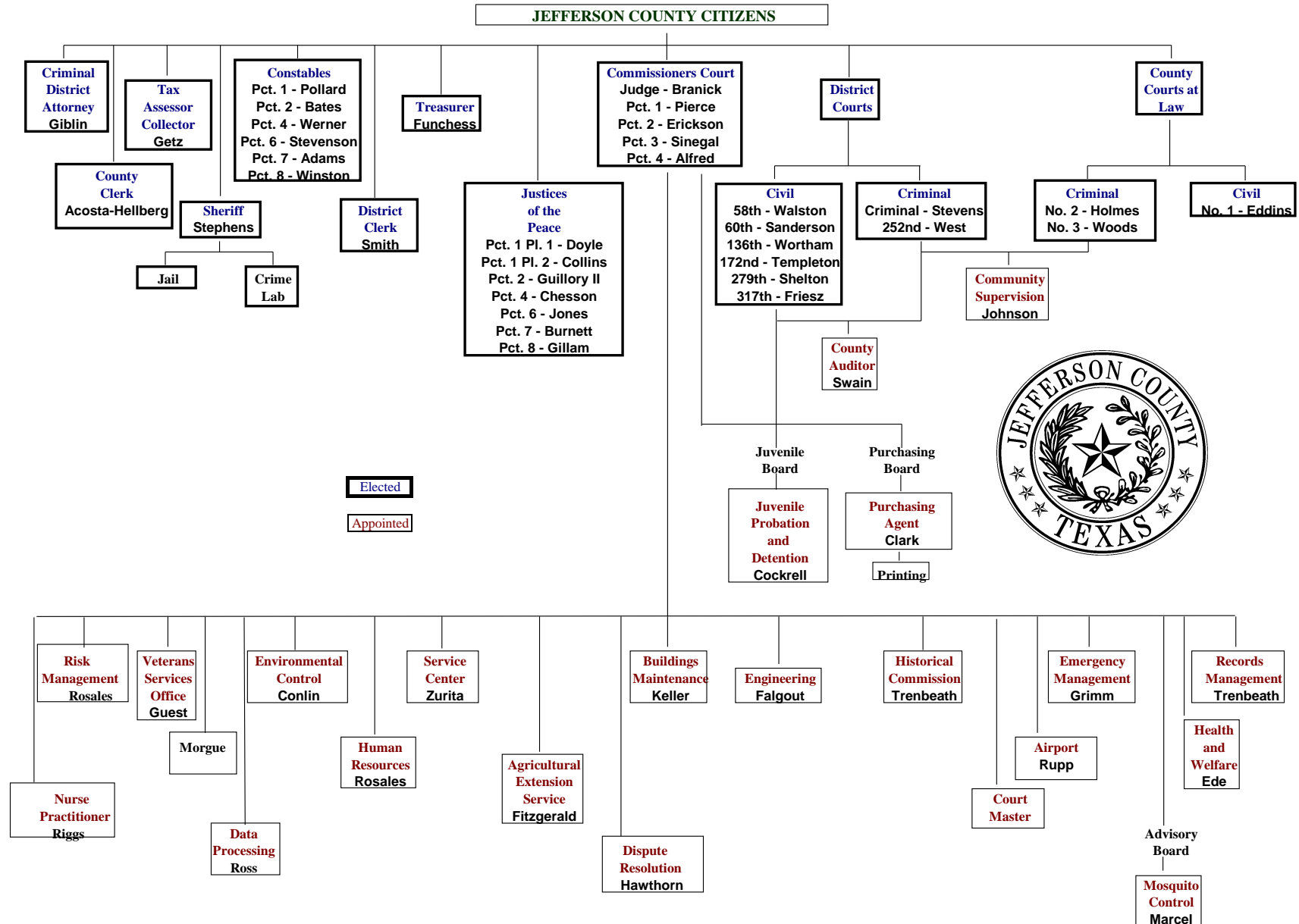
Proposer:

**Please complete this form and
include with proposal submission.**

Attachment 1

ORGANIZATION CHART OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

As of March 31, 2023



Attachment 2

JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

SINGLE AUDIT REPORT

**For Fiscal Year
September 30, 2022**

JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

SINGLE AUDIT REPORT

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Honorable County Judge
And Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County
Beaumont, Texas

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Jefferson County, Texas (the "County"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 23, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.

Waco, Texas
March 23, 2023



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAM
AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM
GUIDANCE AND THE STATE OF TEXAS GRANT MANAGEMENT STANDARDS**

Honorable County Judge
And Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County
Beaumont, Texas

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and State Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program

We have audited Jefferson County, Texas' (the "County") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* and the *Texas Grant Management Standards* ("TxGMS") that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major federal and state programs for the year ended September 30, 2022. The County's major federal and state programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal and state programs for the year ended September 30, 2022.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United State; the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance); and TxGMS. Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the County and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal and state program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the County's federal and state programs.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and TxGMS will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the County's compliance with the requirements of each major federal and state program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and TxGMS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the County's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and TxGMS, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal or state program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal or state program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal or state program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance, and TxGMS. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance and the State of Texas Uniform Grant Management Standards

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon, dated March 23, 2023, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and TxGMS and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.

Waco, Texas
March 23, 2023

JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Grantor's ID Number	Expenditures	Pass Through Expenditures
<u>FEDERAL PROGRAMS</u>				
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
Passed through the Texas Department of Agriculture:				
Summer Food Service Program	10.559	NT4XL1YGLGC5	\$ 9,591	\$ -
Total Passed through the Texas Department of Agriculture			9,591	-
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			9,591	-
<u>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</u>				
Passed through the Texas Department of Agriculture:				
Cheek Step Sewer Improvement #6	14.228	TDCP - 7218240	92,528	-
Total Passed through the Texas Department of Agriculture			92,528	-
Passed through the Texas General Land Office:				
Community Development Block Grant/States Program - Harvey Infrastructure	14.228	20-065-121-C408	197,299	-
Total Passed through the Texas General Land Office			197,299	-
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			289,827	-
<u>U.S. Department of the Interior</u>				
Passed through the Texas Historical Commission				
Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund	15.957	TX-02-10026	156,670	-
Total Passed through the Texas Historical Commission			156,670	-
Total U.S. Department of the Interior			156,670	-
<u>U.S. Department of Justice</u>				
Passed through the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division:				
Crime Victim Assistance - Crime Victim's Clearinghouse	16.575	21032-10	92,488	-
Violence Against Women Formula Grants	16.588	13466-24	63,931	-
Total Passed through the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division			156,419	-
Passed through the City of Beaumont:				
Edward Byrne Memorial Formula Grant Program	16.738	15-PBJA-21-GC-01864-JAGX	18,927	-
Total Passed through the City of Beaumont			18,927	-
Direct Programs:				
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)	16.606	15PBJA-20-RR-00165-SCAA	36,783	-
Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement	16.742	41317-1	3,781	-
Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement	16.742	41317-2	137,936	-
Equitable Sharing Funds	16.922	N/A	8,285	-
Total Direct Programs			186,785	-
Total U.S. Department of Justice			362,131	-
<u>U.S. Department of Transportation</u>				
Passed through Federal Aviation Administration:				
COVID-19 Airport Improvement Program	20.106	3-48-0018-037-2020	2,463,721	-
Taxiway Alpha Rehabilitation & Realignment	20.106	3-48-0018-035-2020	29,532	-
Airport Master Plan Update	20.106	3-48-0018-036-2020	326,455	-
Total Passed through Federal Aviation Administration			2,819,708	-
Passed through the Texas Department of Transportation:				
Step Impaired Driver Mobilization	20.600	2022-Jeffersoncoso-S-1YG-00091	21,455	-
Total Passed Through the Texas Department of Transportation			21,455	-
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			2,841,163	-

JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Grantor's ID Number	Expenditures	Pass Through Expenditures
<u>U.S. Department Of Treasury</u>				
Direct Programs:				
COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance	21.023	ERA-2101123407	\$ 4,011,263	\$ 4,011,263
COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance	21.023	ERA2-8828	2,405,826	2,405,826
COVID-19 American Recovery Funds	21.027	SLT-0883	538,965	-
Total Direct Programs			6,956,054	6,417,089
Total U.S. Department Of Treasury			6,956,054	6,417,089
<u>U.S. Department of Health & Human Services</u>				
Passed Through Food and Drug Administration:				
NEHA Grant	93.103	G-OART-202111-01764	588	-
NEHA Grant	93.103	G-OAME-202111-01879	4,165	-
NEARS Explorer Program	93.421	NU38OT000300-04-07	2,500	-
Total Passed Through Food and Drug Administration			7,253	-
Passed Through Texas Department of Family & Protective Services:				
COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant	93.391	NH750t000045	70,946	-
Child Welfare Services	93.658	HHS000285000032	13,851	-
Legal Services	93.658	HHS000285100022	117,374	-
Total Passed Through Texas Department of Family & Protective Services			202,171	-
Total U.S. Department of Health & Human Services			209,424	-
<u>Office of the National Drug Control Policy</u>				
Direct Program:				
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program	95.001	G20HN0029A	44,230	-
Total Direct Program			44,230	-
Total Office of the National Drug Control Policy			44,230	-
<u>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</u>				
Direct Programs:				
2020 Port Security Grant	97.056	EMW-2020-PU-00103	590,785	-
2021 Port Security Grant	97.056	EMW-2021-PU-00238	49,319	-
Total Direct Programs			640,104	-
Passed Through Texas Office of the Governor:				
Homeland Security Grant Program - LETPA Sustaining	97.067	42288-01	43,547	-
Total Passed Through Texas Office of the Governor			43,547	-
Passed Through Texas Division of Emergency Management:				
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance - Hurricane Harvey	97.036	FEMA-4332-DR-Hurricane Harvey	539,889	-
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance - Hurricane Laura	97.036	FEMA-3540 Hurricane Laura	814,081	-
COVID-19 Disaster Grants - Public Assistance	97.036	FEMA-4485-Texas Covid-19 Pandemic	56,860	-
Total Passed Through Texas Division of Emergency Management			1,410,830	-
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			2,094,481	-
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 12,963,571	\$ 6,417,089

JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Grantor's ID Number	Expenditures	Pass Through Expenditures
<u>STATE PROGRAMS</u>				
<u>Texas Department of Motor Vehicles</u>				
Motor Vehicle Salvage/Theft Reduction Program		608-22-1230100	\$ 62,541	\$ -
Motor Vehicle Salvage/Theft Reduction Program		608-23-1230100	6,686	-
Total Texas Department of Motor Vehicles			<u>69,227</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Texas Department of Transportation</u>				
Routine Airport Maintenance Grant		M2022BMPT	50,000	-
County Transportation Infrastructure Fund (CTIF)		2020CallProgram	67,394	-
Total Texas Department of Transportation			<u>117,394</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Texas Department of Criminal Justice</u>				
Family Treatment Drug Court		18690-17	1,168	-
Family Treatment Drug Court		18690-16	33,641	-
Total Texas Department of Criminal Justice			<u>34,809</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Texas Indigent Defense Commission</u>				
Indigent Defense - Formula Grant		n/a	137,306	-
Total Texas Indigent Defense Commission			<u>137,306</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Office of the Attorney General</u>				
VINE Grant (SAVNS)		2111318	30,144	-
Total Office of the Attorney General			<u>30,144</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Texas Secretary of State</u>				
Auditable Voting Equipment		RAVM-123	2,639,989	-
Total Texas Secretary of State			<u>2,639,989</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Texas Division of Emergency Management</u>				
Hurricane Harvey Assistance		PA-06-TX-4332	58,291	-
Total Texas Division of Emergency Management			<u>58,291</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures of State Awards			<u>\$ 3,087,160</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

1. Special Revenue Funds are used to account for resources restricted to, or designated for, specific purposes by a grantor. Capital Projects Funds are used to account for all resources used for the acquisition or construction of capital facilities. Federal and state financial assistance generally is accounted for in a Special Revenue Fund, Capital Projects Funds, Enterprise Funds or the General Fund. Accounting standards allow grants used for the construction or acquisition of capital assets to be accounted for in the Capital Projects Funds. Generally, unused balances are returned to the grantor at the close of specified project periods.
2. The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The governmental fund types and private purpose trust fund types are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. Most federal and state grant funds were accounted for in the Special Revenue Funds, Capital Projects Funds, or the General Fund, components of the governmental fund type. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used for the governmental funds. This basis of accounting recognizes revenue in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available, and expenditures in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments, which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The County also accounts for grants in its enterprise funds. The accrual basis of accounting is used for enterprise funds.

Federal and state grant funds are considered to be earned to the extent of expenditures made under the provisions of the grant, and, accordingly, when such funds are received, they are recorded as unearned revenues until earned.

3. The period of availability for federal or state grant funds for the purpose of liquidation of outstanding obligations made on or before the ending date of the federal or state project period, extended 30 days beyond the federal or state project period ending date, in accordance with provisions in Section H.
4. The County did not elect to apply the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

Type of auditors' report issued	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	None
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	None

Federal and State Awards:

Internal control over major programs:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	None
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	None reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs	Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 200.516(a) of Uniform Guidance or the State of Texas Grant Management Standards	None
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Identification of major programs:

<u>Assistance Listing Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal/State Program or Cluster:</u>
20.106	Airport Improvement Program
21.023	Emergency Rental Assistance Program
State	Reimbursement for Auditable Voting Machines (RAVM)

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B federal and state programs	\$750,000
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Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee for federal single audit?	Yes
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Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee for state single audit?	No
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Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Which Are Required to be Reported in Accordance With Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards

None

Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal or State Awards

None

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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

None

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Attachment 3

JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable to the Passenger Facility Charge Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance

Schedule of Expenditures of Passenger Facility Charges

September 30, 2022

JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Honorable County Judge
and Commissioners Court
Jefferson County, Texas

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Jefferson County, Texas, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Jefferson County, Texas' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 10, 2023.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Jefferson County, Texas' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for determining the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Jefferson County, Texas' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Jefferson County, Texas' internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Jefferson County, Texas' financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Jefferson County, Texas' internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.

Waco, Texas
April 10, 2023



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH
REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE PASSENGER FACILITY
CHARGE PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE**

Honorable County Judge
And Commissioners' Court
Jefferson County, Texas

Report on Compliance for the Passenger Facility Charge Program

Opinion

We have audited the compliance of Jefferson County, Texas with the compliance requirements described in the Passenger Facility Charge Audit Guide for Public Agencies, issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (Guide), for its passenger facility charge program for the year ended September 30, 2022. Compliance with the requirements of laws and regulations applicable to its passenger facility charge program is the responsibility of Jefferson County, Texas' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Jefferson County, Texas' compliance based on our audit.

In our opinion, Jefferson County, Texas, complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its passenger facility charge program for the year ended September 30, 2022.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the PFC Audit Guide. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Jefferson County, Texas and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the passenger facility charge program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Jefferson County, Texas' compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Jefferson County, Texas' passenger facility charge program.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Jefferson County, Texas' compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the PFC Audit Guide will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Jefferson County, Texas' compliance with the requirements of the passenger facility charge program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the PFC Audit Guide, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Jefferson County, Texas' compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Jefferson County, Texas' internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the PFC Audit Guide, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of the passenger facility charge program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of the passenger facility charge program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of the passenger facility charge program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the PFC Audit Guide. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Passenger Facility Charges

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Jefferson County, Texas as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Jefferson County, Texas' basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon, dated April 10, 2023, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of passenger facility charges is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the PFC Audit Guide and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of passenger facility charges is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Commissioners Court, management and the Federal Aviation Administration and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.

Waco, Texas
April 10, 2023

JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGES AUDIT SUMMARY

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

1. Type of report issued on PFC financial statements	✓	Unqualified	Qualified
2. Type of report on PFC compliance	✓	Unqualified	Qualified
3. Quarterly Revenue and Disbursements reconcile with submitted quarterly reports.	✓	Yes	No
4. PFC Revenue and Interest is accurately reported on FAA Form 5100-127.	✓	Yes	No
5. The Public Agency maintains a separate financial accounting record for each application.	✓	Yes	No
6. Funds disbursed were for PFC eligible items as identified in the FAA Decision to pay only for the allowable costs of the projects.	✓	Yes	No
7. Monthly carrier receipts were reconciled with quarterly carrier reports.	✓	Yes	No
8. PFC revenues were maintained in a separate interest-bearing capital account or commingled only with other interest-bearing airport capital funds.	✓	Yes	No
9. Serving carriers were notified of PFC program actions/changes approved by the FAA.	✓	Yes	No
10. Quarterly Reports were transmitted (or available via website) to remitting carriers.	✓	Yes	No
11. The Public Agency is in compliance with Assurances 5, 6, 7 and 8.	✓	Yes	No
12. Project administration is carried out in accordance with Assurance 10.	✓	Yes	No
13. For those public agencies with excess revenue, a plan for the use of this revenue has been submitted to the FAA for review and concurrence.	✓	Yes N/A	No

JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Findings and Questioned Costs

None

JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

REVENUE AND DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE OF PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	Fiscal Year 2021 Program Total	Quarter 1 October - December	Quarter 2 January - March	Quarter 3 April - June	Quarter 4 July - September	Fiscal Year 2022 Total	Fiscal Year 2022 Program Total
Revenue							
Passenger Facility Collections	\$ 1,647,416	\$ 24,496	\$ 20,161	\$ 26,708	\$ 25,782	\$ 97,147	\$ 1,744,563
Interest	<u>32,338</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>588</u>	<u>2,204</u>	<u>3,145</u>	<u>35,483</u>
	<u>1,679,754</u>	<u>24,604</u>	<u>20,406</u>	<u>27,296</u>	<u>27,986</u>	<u>100,292</u>	<u>1,780,046</u>
Application 07-06-C-00-CBPT							
I - Airfield Equipment	36,317	-	-	-	-	-	36,317
II - Apron "F" Rehabilitation	28,746	-	-	-	-	-	28,746
III - Airfield Pavement Joint Rehab	9,458	-	-	-	-	-	9,458
IV - Runway 12/30 Rehab	14,751	-	-	-	-	-	14,751
V - Airfield Drianage Improvements	9,228	-	-	-	-	-	9,228
VI - Airfield Electrical Upgrades	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VII - Administrative Costs	25,675	-	-	-	-	-	25,675
VIII - Pavement Maintenance Plan	<u>5,717</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,717</u>
	<u>129,892</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,892</u>
Application 11-07-C-00-CBPT							
I - Planning - Road, WHA, Geom	16,537	-	-	-	-	-	16,537
II - Apron Rehab - Phase I	29,528	-	-	-	-	-	29,528
III - Airfield Sweeper	10,431	-	-	-	-	-	10,431
V - Airfield Pavement Marking	205,368	-	-	-	-	-	205,368
VI - AOA Security Improvement	44,713	-	-	-	-	-	44,713
VII - Apron Rehab - Phase II	129,484	-	-	-	-	-	129,484
VIII - Administrative Costs	<u>29,828</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,828</u>
	<u>465,889</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>465,889</u>
Application 18-08-C-00-BPT							
I - Runway 12-30 Design and Recon	376,752	-	-	-	-	-	376,752
II - 2015 PFC Application and Admin Cost	19,000	-	-	-	-	-	19,000
III - Taxiway D- Design and Recon	262,624	-	-	-	-	-	262,624
IV - Update Airport Master Plan	15,900	-	-	-	-	-	15,900
V - Runway Safety Area	16,391	-	-	-	-	-	16,391
VI - Runway 16-34 Rehab	31,267	-	-	-	-	-	31,267
VII - ARFF Equipment	<u>22,698</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,698</u>
	<u>744,632</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>744,632</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>1,340,413</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,340,413</u>
Excess (Deficiency)	<u>\$ 339,341</u>	<u>\$ 24,604</u>	<u>\$ 20,406</u>	<u>\$ 27,296</u>	<u>\$ 27,986</u>	<u>\$ 100,292</u>	<u>\$ 439,633</u>

See accompanying note to Schedule of Expenditures of Passenger Facility Charges.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

**NOTE TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
OF PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGES**

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Passenger Facility Charges includes the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) activity of the Southeast Texas Regional Airport of Jefferson County, Texas, (the County). The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 158.67 and the Passenger Facility Charge Audit Guide for Public Agencies issued by the Federal Aviation Administration. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

The County reports expenditures on the Schedule of Expenditures of Passenger Facility Charges collected and expended as reimbursements (to the extent of PFC's actually collected) of costs incurred by the County during the current and prior fiscal years.

Attachment 4



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Honorable County Judge
And Commissioners Court of Jefferson County
Beaumont, Texas

We have audited the financial statements of Jefferson County, Texas (the "County"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated March 23, 2023. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit

As communicated in our engagement letter dated April 27, 2022, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express opinions about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the County solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, our firm, and our network firms have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

As a part of the engagement, we assisted in preparing the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards and related notes of the County in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and the State of Texas *Uniform Grant Management Standards* (UGMS) based on information provided by you. These non-audit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services were not conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

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In order to reduce threats to our independence caused by these nonattest services to an acceptable level, we applied certain safeguards. These safeguards include a concurring review, which is a review of the financial statements and key audit areas which is performed by an individual who has adequate experience in audits of local governments, but who was not involved in this audit engagement. The concurring reviewer serves as an evaluator of the performance of the engagement team and the nonattest services provided.

In addition, management assumed responsibility for the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards and related notes and any other nonaudit services we provided. Management acknowledged, in the management representation letter, our assistance with the preparation of the financial statements, related notes to the financial statements and schedule of expenditures and federal and state awards and that these items were reviewed and approved prior to their issuance and accepted responsibility for them. Further, the nonaudit services were overseen by an individual within management that has the suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluated the adequacy and results of the services; and accepted responsibility for them.

Significant Risks Identified

We have identified the following significant risks during our audit process, which required special audit consideration.

<u>Significant Risk Identified</u>	<u>Reasoning for Special Audit Consideration</u>
Management override of controls	Inherent fraud risk
Leases	New accounting standard (GASB 87, <i>Leases</i>) requires new financial reporting and note disclosures.

Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the County is included in Note I to the financial statements. As described in the notes to the financial statements, during the year, the County changed its method of accounting for leases by adopting Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87, *Leases*. The adoption of this standard did not result in a restatement of beginning fund balance or net position, but assets and liabilities were recognized, and more extensive note disclosures were required.

No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments. The most sensitive accounting estimates affecting the financial statements are:

- Management's estimate of the allowance for doubtful accounts for property tax and adjudicated fines receivables is based on a percentage of the receivable balance depending on the age of the receivable developed from historical collections. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the allowance in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

- Management's estimate of the net pension and total OPEB liabilities are based on actuarial assumptions which are determined by the demographics of the plan and future projections that the actuary makes based on historical information of the plan and the investment market. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the net pension and total OPEB liabilities and determined that they are reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole and in relation to the applicable opinion units.
- Management's estimate of the accumulated depreciation is based on the related estimated useful lives of capital assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop these estimates in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Financial Statement Disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the County's financial statements relate to the net pension and total OPEB liabilities. The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent and clear.

Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole and each applicable opinion unit. Management has corrected all identified misstatements.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. None of the misstatements identified by us as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individual or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole or applicable opinion units.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the County's financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Circumstances that Affect the Form and Content of the Auditor's Report

For purposes of this letter, professional standards require that we communicate any circumstance that affect the form and content of our auditor's report. No such circumstances exist.

Representations Requested from Management

We have requested certain written representations from management, which are included in the management representation letter dated March 23, 2023.

Management's Consultations with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with the County, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the entity, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the County's auditors.

Other Information Included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Pursuant to professional standards, our responsibility as auditors for other information, whether financial or nonfinancial, included in the County's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, does not extend beyond the information identified in the audit report, and we are not required to perform any procedures to corroborate such other information. However, in accordance with such standards, we have read the other information and considered whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or if the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

Our responsibility also includes communicating to you any information that we believe is a material misstatement of fact. Nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information, or its manner of presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements.

New Accounting Standards

Significant new accounting standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) not yet implemented by the County include the following:

Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements* – The primary objective of this Statement is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements (PPPs). As used in this Statement, a PPP is an arrangement in which a government (the transferor) contracts with an operator (a governmental or nongovernmental entity) to provide public services by conveying control of the right to operate or use a nonfinancial asset, such as infrastructure or other capital asset (the underlying PPP asset), for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. GASB 94 will become effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2022, and the impact has not yet been determined.

Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements* – This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as amended. This Statement will become effective for the County in fiscal year 2023.

GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 62* – The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. This Statement will become effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2023, and the impact has not yet been determined.

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences* - The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. This Statement will become effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2023, and the impact has not yet been determined.

Restrictions on Use

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Commissioners' Court, and management of the County and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.

Waco, Texas
March 23, 2023