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LEGAL NOTICE

Advertisement for Request for Proposal

August 18, 2026

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be accepted by the Jefferson County Purchasing Department for Request for Proposals (RFP 26-052/MR), Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Update for Jefferson County. **Specifications for this project may be obtained from the Jefferson County website, <https://jeffersoncountytexas.gov/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 Purchasing Department (1st 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.

PROPOSAL NAME: Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Update for Jefferson County

PROPOSAL NUMBER: RFP 26-052/MR

DUE DATE/TIME: 11:00 AM CT, Wednesday, September 23, 2026

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@jeffersoncountytexas.gov. If no response in 72 hours, contact Deborah Clark, Purchasing Agent at 409-835-8593 or via email at deb.clark@jeffersoncountytexas.gov.

Jefferson County encourages Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE/ACDBEs), Minority/Women Business Enterprises (M/WBEs), Small Business Concerns (HUBZone) and Veteran Heroes United In Business (VetHUB) 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 L. Clark in black ink, written over a circular official stamp of the Jefferson County Purchasing Department.

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 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Development/Update 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 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

The following items are provided as general information and specifications as required by the Jefferson County Purchasing Department revised as of July 31, 2026.

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.

BIDDER: INSERT PROOF OF SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM) 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 Bidder), 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/filinginfo/elf_filer_type.php

SAMPLE: A sample of a completed FORM 1295 is included on PAGE 8.

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

VENDOR: FORM 1295 MUST BE COMPLETED/SUBMITTED ON TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION WEBSITE. HARD COPY OF FORM 1295 IS TO BE PRINTED, COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND SUBMITTED WITH BID/PROPOSAL/AGREEMENT/CONTRACT. JEFFERSON COUNTY WILL CONFIRM RECEIPT OF COMPLETED HARD COPY WITH THE TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION.

FORM 1295

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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. VENDOR: ENTER BID/PROPOSAL/CONTRACT/AGREEMENT REF# AND TITLE HERE																																					
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ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY																																					

Form provided by Texas Ethics Commission www.ethics.state.tx.us Revised 12/22/2017

NOTE: JEFFERSON COUNTY WILL KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM ON FILE FOR EACH BID/PROPOSAL/CONTRACT/AGREEMENT AND EACH VENDOR RESPONDING TO BIDS/PROPOSALS.

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 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 SMALL, MINORITY, WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, VETHUB, DBE & ACDBE PARTICIPATION

It is the desire of Jefferson County to increase the participation of Small Business Concerns (HUBZone), Minority (MBE), women-owned (WBE) businesses, Veteran Heroes United in Business (VetHUB), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) & Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) 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.

Minority owned business may be eligible for contract procurement assistance with public and private sector entities from MBDA Centers

Dallas Fort Worth MBDA Business Center

8828 N. Stemmons Freeway, Ste. 550 B

Dallas, TX 75247

214-920-2436

Website: www.mbda.gov/business-center/dallas-mbda-business-center

Email: admin1@mbdadallas.com

El Paso MBDA Business Center

2401 East Missouri Avenue

El Paso, TX 79903

915-351-6232

Website: <https://www.mbda.gov/zh-hans/business-center/el-paso-mbda-business-center>

Email: treed@ephcc.org

San Antonio MBDA Business Center

501 W. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd., Ste. 3.324 B

San Antonio, TX 78207

210-458-2480

Website: <https://www.mbda.gov/zh-hans/business-center/san-antonio-mbda-business-center>

Email: Jacqueline.jackson@utsa.edu

Small and woman-owned business may be eligible for assistance from U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA):

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance>

Dallas/Fort Worth District Office

150 West Parkway, Ste. 130

Euless, TX 76040

817-684-5500

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/district/dallas-fort-worth>

Email: dfwdo.email@sba.gov

El Paso District Office

211 N. Florence St, Ste. 201

El Paso, TX 79901

915-834-4600

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/district/el-paso>

Email: lee.vega@sba.gov

Houston District Office

8701 S. Gessner Dr, Ste. 1200

Houston, TX 77074

713-773-6500

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/district/houston>

Email: houston@sba.gov

Lower Rio Grande Valley District Office

2422 E. Tyler Ave, Suite E

Harlingen, TX 78550

956-427-8533

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/district/lower-rio-grande-valley>

Email: lrgvdo.email@sba.gov

San Antonio District Office

615 E. Houston St, Ste 298

San Antonio, TX 78205

210-403-5900

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/district/san-antonio>

Email: sado.email@sba.gov

West Texas District Office

1205 Texas Ave, Room 408

Lubbock, TX 79401

806-472-7462

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/district/west-texas>

Email: lubdo@sba.gov

VetHUB certification information can be found at:

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Statewide Procurement Division VetHUB Program

P.O. Box 13186

Austin, TX 78711

512-463-5872

Website: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub>

Email: vethubprogram@cpa.texas.gov

HUBZone small business concern certification information can be found at:

U.S. Small Business Administration

409 3rd St., SW

Washington, DC 20416

866-722-4357

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/contracting-assistance-programs>

Email: certifications@sba.gov

DBE & ACDBE certification information can be found at:

Texas Department of Transportation

125 East 11th Street

Austin, Texas 78701

512-416-4700

Website: <https://txdot.txdotcms.com>

Email: civilrights@txdot.gov

PROPOSER: INSERT HUBZone SBE, VetHUB, MBE, WBE, DBE or ACDBE Certification behind this page.

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: FEDERALLY MANDATED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY 2 C.F.R. §200.318-327 & §200.327 APPENDIX II TO 2 CFR §200 & THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

The following are Federally mandated contract provisions for Non-Federal Entity (NFE) Contracts with contractors/vendors that may arise from this offer if funded under Federal Awards, as applicable. All contracts shall be in accordance with the current version of Mandated Contract Provisions at time of procurement, as applicable.

During the performance of this contract, the bidder/proposer agrees as follows:

- A.** Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold (\$350,000), which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by [41 U.S.C. 1908](#), must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

Breach of Contract - Any violation or breach of terms of this contract on the part of the contractor or its 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 agreement.

Jefferson County will provide contractor written notice that describes the nature of the breach and corrective actions the contractor must undertake in order to avoid termination of the contract. Jefferson County reserves the right to withhold payments to Contractor until such time the Contractor corrects the breach or the Jefferson County elects to terminate the contract. Jefferson County's notice will identify a specific date by which the contractor must correct the breach. Jefferson County may proceed with termination of the contract if the contractor fails to correct the breach by deadline indicated in Jefferson County's notice.

The duties and obligations imposed by the Contract Documents and the rights and remedies available thereunder are in addition to, and not a limitation of, any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law.

- B.** All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

Termination for Convenience:

Jefferson County may terminate this contract in whole or in part at any time by providing written notice to the Contractor. Such action may be without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy of Jefferson County. Upon receipt of a written notice of termination, except as explicitly directed by Jefferson County, the Contractor shall immediately proceed with the following obligations regardless of any delay in determining or adjusting amounts due under this clause:

1. Contractor must immediately discontinue work as specified in the written notice.
2. Terminate all subcontracts to the extent they relate to the work terminated under the notice.
3. Discontinue orders for materials and services except as directed by the written notice.
4. Deliver to Jefferson County all fabricated and partially fabricated parts, completed and partially completed work, supplies, equipment and materials acquired prior to termination of the work and as directed in the written notice.
5. Complete performance of the work not terminated by the notice.
6. Take action as directed by the owner to protect and preserve property and work related to this contract that Jefferson County will take possession.

Jefferson County agrees to pay Contractor for:

1. Completed and acceptable work executed in accordance with the contract documents prior to the effective date of termination;
2. Documented expenses sustained prior to the effective date of termination in performing work and furnishing labor, materials, or equipment as required by the contract documents in connection with uncompleted work;
3. Reasonable and substantiated claims, costs and damages incurred in settlement of terminated contracts with Subcontractors and Suppliers; and
4. Reasonable and substantiated expenses to the contractor directly attributable to Owner's termination action.

C. Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under [41 CFR Part 60](#), all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in [41 CFR Part 60-1.3](#) must include the equal opportunity clause provided under [41 CFR 60-1.4\(b\)](#), as amended by Executive Order 14173, "Equal Employment Opportunity" ([30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965](#) Comp., p. 339), as amended by [Executive Order 11375](#), and implementing regulations at [41 CFR part 60](#), "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor." Complete Civil Rights Compliance Form in these specifications.

D. Civil Rights – Title VI Assurance: Jefferson County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), age, or disability in consideration for an award.

Compliance with Nondiscrimination Requirements:

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor") agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. **Nondiscrimination:** The Contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), age, or disability in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The Contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR part 21.
3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the Contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
4. **Information and Reports:** The Contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the

Contractor will so certify to the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

5. Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of a Contractor's noncompliance with the non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Sponsor will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Aviation Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Withholding payments to the Contractor under the contract until the Contractor complies; and/or
 - b. Cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.
6. Incorporation of Provisions: The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The Contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the sponsor to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the sponsor. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities:

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor") agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- 49 CFR part 21 (Non-discrimination In Federally-Assisted Programs of The Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of The Civil Rights Act of 1964);
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR part 27 (Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance);
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC § 12101, et seq.) prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations ensures nondiscrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;

- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs [70 Fed. Reg. 74087 (2005)];
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).

E. Davis-Bacon Act

As amended ([40 U.S.C. 3141-3148](#)). Prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 are in compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act ([40 U.S.C. 3141-3144](#), and [3146-3148](#)) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations ([29 CFR Part 5](#), “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The decision to award a contract or subcontract is conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. All suspected or reported violations will be reported to the Federal awarding agency by Jefferson County.

F. Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act ([40 U.S.C. 3145](#)), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations ([29 CFR Part 3](#),

Applicable or all prime construction contracts above \$2,000 and when the Davis-Bacon Act also applies, for all contracts and subcontracts. The Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act clause is not federally required for procurements under FEMA’s PA or HMA Programs.

“Compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act.

- 1) Contractor. The Contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. Part 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.
- 2) Subcontracts. The Contractor or Subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as the Federal Entity providing funding may by appropriate instructions require, and 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 these contract clauses. 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.”

G. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act ([40 U.S.C. 3701-3708](#)). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers include a provision for compliance with [40 U.S.C. 3702](#) and [3704](#), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations ([29 CFR Part 5](#)). Under [40 U.S.C. 3702](#) of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of [40 U.S.C. 3704](#) are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

“Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act” in accordance with 29 CFR §5.5 (b)(1)-(5).

- 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 and interest from the date of the underpayment. 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 watchpersons and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in [paragraph \(b\)\(1\)](#) of this section, in the sum of \$33 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).
- 3) ***Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages —***
 - i. ***Withholding process.*** The Federal agency providing funding or Jefferson County may, upon its own action, or must, upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to satisfy the liabilities of the prime contractor or any subcontractor for any unpaid wages; monetary relief, including interest; and liquidated damages required by the clauses set forth in this [paragraph \(b\)](#) on this contract, 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 that is held by the same prime contractor (as defined in [§ 5.2](#)). The necessary funds may be withheld from the contractor under this contract, any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract that is subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and is held by the same prime contractor, regardless of whether the other contract was awarded or assisted by the same agency, and such funds may be used to satisfy the contractor liability for which the funds were withheld.
 - ii. ***Priority to withheld funds.*** The Department has priority to funds withheld or to be withheld in accordance with [paragraph \(a\)\(2\)\(i\)](#) or [\(b\)\(3\)\(i\)](#) of this section, or both, over claims to those funds by:
 - (A) A contractor's surety(ies), including without limitation performance bond sureties and payment bond sureties;
 - (B) A contracting agency for its procurement costs;
 - (C) A trustee(s) (either a court-appointed trustee or a U.S. trustee, or both) in bankruptcy of a contractor, or a contractor's bankruptcy estate;
 - (D) A contractor's assignee(s);
 - (E) A contractor's successor(s); or
 - (F) A claim asserted under the Prompt Payment Act, [31 U.S.C. 3901-3907](#).
- 4) ***Subcontracts.*** The contractor or subcontractor must insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in [paragraphs \(b\)\(1\)](#) through [\(5\)](#) of this section and a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor is responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (5). In the event of any violations of these clauses, the prime contractor and any subcontractor(s) responsible will be liable for any unpaid wages and monetary relief, including

interest from the date of the underpayment or loss, due to any workers of lower-tier subcontractors, and associated liquidated damages and may be subject to debarment, as appropriate.5). In the event of any violations of these clauses, the prime contractor, and any subcontractor(s) responsible will be liable for any unpaid wages and monetary relief, including interest from the date of the underpayment or loss, due to any workers of lower-tier subcontractors, and associated liquidated damages and may be subject to debarment, as appropriate.

- 5) ***Anti-retaliation.*** It is unlawful for any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, or to cause any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, any worker or job applicant for:
- i. Notifying any contractor of any conduct which the worker reasonably believes constitutes a violation of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (CWHSSA) or its implementing regulations in this part;
 - ii. Filing any complaint, initiating or causing to be initiated any proceeding, or otherwise asserting or seeking to assert on behalf of themselves or others any right or protection under CWHSSA or this part;
 - iii. Cooperating in any investigation or other compliance action, or testifying in any proceeding under CWHSSA or this part; or
 - iv. Informing any other person about their rights under CWHSSA or this part.

“Further Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act” in accordance with 29 CFR §5.5 (c) for any contract subject only to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and not to any of the other laws referenced by 29 CFR [§ 5.1](#)

- 1) The contractor or subcontractor must maintain regular payrolls and other basic records during the course of the work and must preserve them for a period of 3 years after all the work on the prime contract is completed for all laborers and mechanics, including guards and watchpersons, working on the contract. Such records must contain the name; last known address, telephone number, and email address; and social security number of each such worker; each worker's correct classification(s) of work actually performed; hourly rates of wages paid; daily and weekly number of hours actually worked; deductions made; and actual wages paid.
- 2) Records to be maintained under this paragraph must be made available by the contractor or subcontractor for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of Jefferson County, the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Entity providing funding and the Department of Labor, and the contractor or subcontractor will permit such representatives to interview workers during working hours on the job.

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

- 1) If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under [37 CFR § 401.2 \(a\)](#) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of [37 CFR Part 401](#), “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.
- 2) The vendor/contractor shall comply with the requirements and regulations pertaining to patent rights with respect to any discovery or invention which arises or is developed in the course of or under such contract. (2 CFR 200 Appendix II (f), Rights to Inventions).

I. Clean Air Act ([42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.](#)) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act ([33 U.S.C. 1251-1387](#)), as amended for all contract amounts in excess of \$150,000.

- 1) 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.* and 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 Jefferson County and understands and agrees that Jefferson County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Entity from which Jefferson County has received a Federal Award, 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 a Federal Entity.

J. Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award pursuant to (see [2 CFR 180.220](#)) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at [2 CFR 180](#) that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than [Executive Order 12549](#). Complete Debarment/Suspension Certification Form in these specifications.

K. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, as amended ([31 U.S.C. 1352](#)) Contractors must sign and submit certification to Jefferson County with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000. Complete Byrd Anti-Lobbying Certification Form in these specifications.

L. Procurement of recovered materials. [2 CFR § 200.323](#). 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.

- 1) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- 2) Meeting contract performance requirements; or
- 3) At a reasonable price.

Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designated items, is available at Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG) Program | US EPA (www.epa.gov). The Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

M. Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance equipment or services. [2 CFR § 200.216](#). As of November 12, 2020, all Federally funded project recipients and subrecipients, and their contractors and subcontractors, are required to include this contract provision in all Federally-funded contracts and subcontracts, including any purchase orders.

- 1) Definitions. As used in this clause, the terms backhaul; covered foreign country; covered telecommunications equipment or services; interconnection arrangements; roaming; substantial or essential component; and telecommunications equipment or services have the meaning as defined in FEMA Policy 405-143-1, Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services, as used in this clause
- 2) Prohibitions.
 - a. Section 889(b) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232, and 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 prohibit the head of an executive agency on or after Aug.13, 2020, from obligating or expending grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds on certain telecommunications products or from certain entities for national security reasons.
 - b. Unless an exception in paragraph (3) of this clause applies, the contractor and its subcontractors may not use grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds from the Federal Agency to:

- i. Procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;
 - ii. Enter, extend, or renew a contract to procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;
 - iii. Enter, extend, or renew contracts with entities that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system; or
 - iv. Provide, as part of its performance of this contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument, any equipment, system, or service 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.
- c. Exceptions.
 - i. This clause does not prohibit contractors from providing
 - 1. A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or Contract Provisions Guide.
 - 2. Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.
 - ii. By necessary implication and regulation, the prohibitions also do not apply to:
 - 1. Covered telecommunications equipment or services that:
 - a. Are not used as a substantial or essential component of any system; and
 - b. Are not used as critical technology of any system.
 - 2. Other telecommunications equipment or services that are not considered covered telecommunications equipment or services.
- d. Reporting requirement.
 - i. In the event the contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during contract performance, or the contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the contractor shall report the information in paragraph (d)(ii) of this clause to the recipient or subrecipient, unless elsewhere in this contract are established procedures for reporting the information.
 - ii. The Contractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (d)(i) of this clause:
 - 1. Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: The contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.
 - 2. Within 10 business days of submitting the information in paragraph (d)(ii)(1) of this clause: Any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the contractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services, and any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services.
- e. Subcontracts. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (e), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments.

N. Prohibition of Covered Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS): The Bidder or Offeror certifies that they are aware of and comply with relevant Federal statutes and regulations, including those from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), for operating unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) in accordance, and in compliance with all related requirements in the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (Public Law 118-63), section 936 (49 U.S.C. § 44801 note).

Contractor warrants that all UAS operations will be conducted in full compliance with all applicable Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations, including but not limited to 14 CFR Part 107, and any other applicable local, state, or Federal laws and regulations.

Sponsors and subgrant recipients cannot use AIP grant funds to enter into, extend, or renew a contract related to covered unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). This includes both procurement and operational contracts, as well as contracts with entities that operate such systems.

O. Domestic preferences for procurements. 2 CFR [§ 200.322](#).

- 1) The contractor should, to the greatest extent practicable and consistent with law, provide a preference for 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). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards, contracts, and purchase orders under Federal awards.
- 2) For purposes of this section:
 - a. “Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.
 - b. “Manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

P. Buy American Preferences for Infrastructure Projects

“**Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA)** [2 CFR part 184](#). Complete Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) Certification Form in these specifications.

Contractors and their subcontractors who apply or bid for an award for an infrastructure project subject to the domestic preference requirement in the Build America, Buy America Act shall file the required certification to Jefferson County with each bid or offer for an infrastructure project, unless a domestic preference requirement is waived by the funding Federal Agency. Contractors and subcontractors certify that no federal financial assistance funding for infrastructure projects will be provided unless all the iron, steel, manufactured projects, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States. BABAA, Pub. L. No. 117-58, §§ 70901-52. Contractors and subcontractors shall also disclose any use of federal financial assistance for infrastructure projects that does not ensure compliance with BABAA domestic preference requirements. Such disclosures shall be forwarded to the recipient who, in turn, will forward the disclosures to the funding Federal Agency; subrecipients will forward disclosures to the pass-through entity, who will, in turn, forward the disclosures to the funding Federal Agency.

Q. Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 - All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the requirements of 29 CFR Part 1910 with the same force and effect as if given in full text. Contractor must provide a work environment that is free from recognized hazards that may cause death or serious physical harm to the employee. The employer retains full responsibility to monitor its compliance and their subcontractor’s compliance with the applicable requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (20 CFR Part 1910). The employer must address any claims or disputes that pertain

to a referenced requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

- R. Seismic Safety** - The Contractor agrees to ensure that all work performed under this contract, including work performed by subcontractors, conforms to a building code standard that provides a level of seismic safety substantially equivalent to standards established by the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP). Local building codes that model their code after the current version of the International Building Code (IBC) meet the NEHRP equivalency level for seismic safety.
- S. Access to Records and Reports** - The Contractor must maintain an acceptable cost accounting system. The Contractor agrees to provide Jefferson County, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to the specific contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts and transcriptions. The Contractor agrees to maintain all books, records and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than three years after final payment is made and all pending matters are closed.
- T. Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (Federal Minimum Wage)** - All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the provisions of 29 CFR part 201, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), with the same force and effect as if given in full text. The FLSA sets minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and part time workers.

The Contractor has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The Contractor must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Wage and Hour Division.

- U. Trade Restriction Certification** - By submission of an offer, the Offeror certifies that with respect to this solicitation and any resultant contract, the Offeror –
1. is not owned or controlled by one or more citizens of a foreign country included in the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR);
 2. has not knowingly entered into any contract or subcontract for this project with a person that is a citizen or national of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the USTR; and
 3. has not entered into any subcontract for any product to be used on the Federal project that is produced in a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR .

This certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States of America and the making of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution under Title 18 USC § 1001.

The Offeror/Contractor must provide immediate written notice to Jefferson County if the Offeror/Contractor learns that its certification or that of a subcontractor was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. The Contractor must require subcontractors provide immediate written notice to the Contractor if at any time it learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

Unless the restrictions of this clause are waived by the Secretary of Transportation in accordance with 49 CFR § 30.17, no contract shall be awarded to an Offeror or subcontractor:

1. who is owned or controlled by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR; or
2. whose subcontractors are owned or controlled by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country on such USTR list; or
3. who incorporates in the public works project any product of a foreign country on such USTR list.

Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by this provision. The knowledge and information of a contractor is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

The Offeror agrees that, if awarded a contract resulting from this solicitation, it will incorporate this provision for certification without modification in all lower tier subcontracts. The contractor may rely on the certification of a prospective subcontractor that it is not a firm from a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the USTR, unless the Offeror has knowledge that the certification is erroneous.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making an award. If it is later determined that the Contractor or subcontractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) may direct through Jefferson County cancellation of the contract or subcontract for default at no cost to Jefferson County or the FAA.

V. Veteran's Preference - In the employment of labor (excluding executive, administrative, and supervisory positions), the Contractor and all sub-tier contractors must give preference to covered veterans as defined within Title 49 United States Code Section 47112. Covered veterans include Vietnam-era veterans, Persian Gulf veterans, Afghanistan-Iraq war veterans, disabled veterans, and small business concerns (as defined by 15 USC § 632) owned and controlled by disabled veterans. This preference only applies when there are covered veterans readily available and qualified to perform the work to which the employment relates.

W. Tax Delinquency and Felony Convictions - The Contractor shall be required to complete the certification regarding tax delinquency and felony convictions included in these contract documents.

Felony conviction: Felony conviction means a conviction within the preceding twenty four (24) months of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law and includes conviction of an offense defined in a section of the U.S. Code that specifically classifies the offense as a felony and conviction of an offense that is classified as a felony under 18 USC § 3559.

Tax Delinquency: A tax delinquency is any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted, or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability.

X. Prohibition of Segregated Facilities –

1. The Contractor agrees that it does not and will not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that it does not and will not permit its employees to perform their services at any location under its control where segregated facilities are maintained. The Contractor agrees that a breach of this clause is a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in this contract
2. "Segregated facilities," as used in this clause, means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees, that are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin because of written or oral policies or employee custom. The term does not include separate or single-user rest rooms or necessary dressing or sleeping areas provided to assure privacy between the sexes.
3. The Contractor shall include this clause in every subcontract and purchase order that is subject to the Equal Opportunity clause of this contract.

Y. Distracted Driving - In accordance with Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving" (10/1/2009) and DOT Order 3902.10 "Text Messaging While Driving" (12/30/2009), the FAA encourages recipients of Federal grant funds to adopt and enforce safety policies that

decrease crashes by distracted drivers, including policies to ban text messaging while driving when performing work related to a grant or subgrant.

In support of this initiative, Jefferson County encourages the Contractor to promote policies and initiatives for its employees and other work personnel that decrease crashes by distracted drivers, including policies that ban text messaging while driving motor vehicles while performing work activities associated with the project. The Contractor must include the substance of this clause in all sub tier contracts exceeding \$10,000 that involve driving a motor vehicle in performance of work activities associated with the project.

Z. Procurement of Recovered Materials - Contractor and subcontractor agree to comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, and the regulatory provisions of 40 CFR Part 247. In the performance of this contract and to the extent practicable, the Contractor and subcontractors are to use of products containing the highest percentage of recovered materials for items designated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under 40 CFR Part 247 whenever:

1. The contract requires procurement of \$10,000 or more of a designated item during the fiscal year; or,
2. The contractor has procured \$10,000 or more of a designated item using Federal funding during the previous fiscal year.

The list of EPA-designated items is available at www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guidelines-construction-products.

Section 6002(c) establishes exceptions to the preference for recovery of EPA-designated products if the contractor can demonstrate the item is:

1. Not reasonably available within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
2. Fails to meet reasonable contract performance requirements; or
3. Is only available at an unreasonable price.

AA. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise - The Contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of social or economic status in the performance of this contract. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

1. Withholding monthly progress payments;
2. Assessing sanctions;
3. Liquidated damages; and/or
4. Disqualifying the Contractor from future bidding as non-responsible.

Prompt Payment (49 CFR § 26.29)

The prime contractor agrees to pay each subcontractor under this prime contract for satisfactory performance of its contract no later than 30 days from the receipt of each payment the prime contractor receives from the Owner. The prime contractor agrees further to return retainage payments to each subcontractor within 30 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval of the Owner. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

Termination of DBE Subcontracts (49 CFR § 26.53)

The prime contractor must not terminate a DBE subcontractor listed in bid without prior written consent of Jefferson County. This includes, but is not limited to, instances in which the prime contractor seeks to perform work originally designated for a DBE subcontractor with its own forces or those of an affiliate, a non-DBE firm, or with another DBE firm.

The prime contractor shall utilize the specific DBEs listed to perform the work and supply the materials for which each is listed unless the contractor obtains written consent from Jefferson County. Unless Jefferson County consent is provided, the prime contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or material unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBE.

Jefferson County may provide such written consent only if Jefferson County agrees, for reasons stated in the concurrence document, that the prime contractor has good cause to terminate the DBE firm. For purposes of this paragraph, good cause includes the circumstances listed in 49 CFR §26.53. Before transmitting to Jefferson County its request to terminate and/or substitute a DBE subcontractor, the prime contractor must give notice in writing to the DBE subcontractor, with a copy to Jefferson County, of its intent to request to terminate and/or substitute, and the reason for the request.

The prime contractor must give the DBE five days to respond to the prime contractor's notice and advise Jefferson County and the contractor of the reasons, if any, why it objects to the proposed termination of its subcontract and why Jefferson County should not approve the prime contractor's action. If required in a particular case as a matter of public necessity (e.g., safety), Jefferson County may provide a response period shorter than five days. In addition to post-award terminations, the provisions of this section apply to pre-award deletions of or substitutions for DBE firms put forward by offerors in negotiated procurements.

The Contractor_____ certifies or affirms the agreement and compliance will all Federally mandated contract provisions listed above in Section 2 where applicable.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

REQUIRED FORM
**Bidder: Please complete this form
and include with bid submission.**

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE PROVISIONS

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (Equal Opportunity Clause) as amended by Executive Order 14173

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 by the contracting officer 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.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE PROVISIONS (CONTINUED)

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.

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.

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

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

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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).

1. The bidder/proposer certifies, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federally assisted programs under Executive Orders 12549 and 12689. The term "principal" is defined as an officer, director, owner, partner, key employee, or other person with primary management or supervisory responsibilities, or a person who has a critical influence on or substantive control over the operations of the contractor. The contractor understands that it must not make any award or permit any award (or contract) at any tier to any party which is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension."
2. The bidder/proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR Part 180, subpart C and 2 CFR Part 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.

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

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BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING CERTIFICATION

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

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

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

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the sub-awardee, e.g., the first sub-awardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Sub-awardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). 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, if applicable: _____	
Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant (if individual, last name, first name, MI):	b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI):	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____	
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BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA ACT (BABAA) CERTIFICATION

“The undersigned certifies, to the best of their knowledge and belief, that:

The Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) requires that no federal financial assistance for “infrastructure” projects is provided “unless all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States.” Section 70914 of Public Law No. 117-58, §§ 70901-52.

The undersigned certifies that for the _____ project that the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in this contract are in full compliance with the BABAA requirements including:

1. All iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States. This means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.
2. All manufactured products purchased with Federal financial assistance must be produced in the United States. For a manufactured product to be considered produced in the United States, the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55% of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation.
3. All construction materials are manufactured in the United States. This means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

”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

REQUIRED FORM

Bidder: Please complete this form and include with bid 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://jeffersoncountytexas.gov/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, September 23, 2026.

- 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@jeffersoncountytexas.gov. If no response in 72 hours, contact Deb Clark, Purchasing Agent at 409-835-8593 or e-mail at: deb.clark@jeffersoncountytexas.gov.

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.

Respondents are strongly urged to plan accordingly.

COUNTY HOLIDAYS (2026):

January 1, 2026 (Thursday) - New Year's
January 19 (Monday) - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
April 3 (Friday) - Good Friday
May 25 (Monday) - Memorial Day
June 19 (Friday) - Juneteenth
July 3 Observed (Friday) - Independence Day
September 7 (Monday) - Labor Day
November 11 (Wednesday) - Veteran's Day
November 26 & 27 (Thursday & Friday) - Thanksgiving
December 24 & 25 (Thursday & Friday) Christmas

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

Due to the nature of this Request for Proposals, a Pre-Proposal Conference will not be held for this project.

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: Email Address Here or faxed at: 409-835-8456. If no response in 72 hours, contact **Deborah Clark, Purchasing Agent** at deb.clark@jeffersoncountytexas.gov.

The Deadline for asking questions or requesting additional information (in writing) is 5:00 pm, CT, Friday, September 11, 2026.

3.4 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August 18, 2026	Issuance of Request for Proposal
September 23, 2026	Deadline Submission (late proposals will not be considered)
September 25, 2026	Proposals distributed to Evaluation Committee
October 7, 2026	Evaluation Committee Convenes to Tabulate Scoring and Determines Short List
October 21, 2026	If Applicable: Conduct Interview/Best and Final Offer/Short List
November 3, 2026	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 with all requested information 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 with the information 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 51)
- 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 (180) days from the deadline for delivery of proposals to the County. Any proposal containing a term of less than (180) 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

Jefferson County is seeking to enter into a services contract with a qualified firm/consultant to assist the County in preparing an Updated Local Hazard Plan Program (LHMP) for Jefferson County.

5.2 SCOPE OF WORK

The qualified firm/consultant to be hired is to provide administration and development services for the update of Jefferson County's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) as defined by Texas General Land Office (GLO) is a comprehensive document that contains detailed information about the types of hazards a community faces, and the action that can occur before disaster strikes to reduce the community's vulnerability.

The qualified firm/consultant will work with Jefferson County to revise our current HMP through review and approval of the complete updated HMP by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to ensure Jefferson County's eligibility to apply for federal and state funding. The HMP update process will coordinate with the awarded firm/consultant, Jefferson County and Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM).

Jefferson County's current Local Hazard Mitigation Plan expires March 2028. The awarded firm/consultant will ensure the County's plan is updated and approved by FEMA prior to expiration.

5.3 STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Jefferson County is seeking to contract with well-qualified firm/consultant(s) experienced Local Hazard Mitigation Plan development and updates.

Please provide the following information:

- A brief history of the proposing entity, including general background, knowledge of and experience working with relevant agencies, with an emphasis on recent experience;
- A description of work performance and experience with HMP develop and updates including a list of at least three references from past local government clients, with information describing the recency and relevancy of the previous performance and experience;
- Describe the proposing entity's capacity to perform as well as resumes of all employees who will or may be assigned to provide technical assistance if your firm is awarded the services contract, identifying current employees and proposed hires; and
- A statement substantiating the resources of the proposing entity and the ability to carry out the scope of work requested within the proposed timeline.

5.4 PROPOSED COST OF SERVICES

Please provide your cost proposal to accomplish the scope of work by activity outlined above and for any additional services required using the Cost Proposal Form included on page 51 of these specifications. Firms may submit proposals for any or all activities. Preference will be given to firm fixed pricing. The proposal must include all costs that are necessary to successfully complete the activities. Please note that the lowest/best bid will not be used as the sole basis for entering into this contract; rather, award will be made to the firm(s) providing the best value to the County, costs and other factors considered.

SECTION 6. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

6.1 OBJECTIVE OF PROPOSAL

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

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

6.2 PROPOSER EXPERIENCE

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

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

The Proposer must describe in detail the current and historical experience the Proposer and its subcontractors have that would be relevant to completing the project. The Proposer must provide descriptions and references for all engagements of comparable complexity and sensitivity to the requirements of this RFP that have been conducted within the past five (5) years. References must contain the name of key contacts and a telephone number. The description of experience must be detailed and cover all relevant contracts that the Proposer and its subcontractors, as applicable, have had and all experience similar to this contract that qualifies the Proposer to meet the requirements of this contract. Included must be the names, titles, addresses, and current telephone numbers of organizations that may be contacted to verify qualifying experience.

The Proposer must indicate whether the organizations so listed are included for the purpose of verifying the Proposer's qualifying experience, or the qualifying experience of its subcontractors. Each experience statement also must include the name and types of services directly provided by the Proposer under the contract, and whether the Proposer was the contractor or subcontractor.

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

6.3 TYPE OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY PROPOSER

A. A description of services that may be utilized under this RFP includes:

1. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Development
2. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

6.4 LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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

SECTION 7. PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

7.1 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.

7.2 COST PROPOSAL

The Proposer must utilize the form provided on **PAGE 51 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 51 of these specifications**, that is provided by a Proposer may be determined as non-responsive, and may result in the proposal's disqualification.

7.3 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.

7.4. 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

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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.

7.5 PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA:

a. EXPERIENCE – 30%

This refers to the proposer's related experience, background with federally funded projects, background with specific project type to all written specifications and requirements contained in this RFP and references from current/past clients.

b. WORK PERFORMANCE – 30%

This refers to timely submittal of requests to client/GLO, timely response to client/GLO requests, past client/GLO projects completed on schedule. Work product is consistently of high quality with low level of errors. Past client/GLO projects have low level of monitoring findings/concerns. Proposer manages projects within budgetary constraints.

c. CAPACITY TO PERFORM – 20%

This refers to qualifications of professional administrators/experienced staff, the present and projected workloads, quality of proposal/work plan and demonstrated understanding of the scope of the CDBG-DR project.

d. PROPOSED COST– 20%

This is the expected amount your firm would be compensated for services provided to the County. The County will consider hourly rates, retainer amounts, flat fees or other methods. While this will be an important factor, it will be considered as just one factor in the evaluation and selection process.

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

COST PROPOSAL FORM:

Using this form, each Proposer must state its proposed charges. Each Proposer's charges must include the entire cost of providing the services identified in this RFP.

Cost/Fee Proposals may be submitted in any form(s). Cost will be a factor in the County's selection process.

Total cost to perform all services to complete LHMP update for Jefferson County.	\$
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REQUIRED FORM**Proposer:**

Please complete this form and include with proposal submission.

NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

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

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

1. The Information may be used by Consultant only to assist Consultant in connection with its engagement with the County.
2. Consultant will not, at any time, use the Information in any fashion, form, or manner except in its capacity as independent consultant to the County.
3. Consultant agrees to maintain the confidentiality of any and all deliverables resulting from this Contract in the same manner that it protects the confidentiality of its own proprietary products of like kind.
4. The Information may not be copied or reproduced without the County's written consent.
5. All materials made available to Consultant, including copies thereof, must be returned to County upon the first to occur of; (a) completion of the project, or (b) request by the County.
6. The foregoing must not prohibit or limit Consultant use of the information (including, but not limited to, ideas, concepts, know-how, techniques and methodologies) (a) previously known to it, (b) independently developed by it, (c) acquired by it from a third party, or (d) which is or becomes part of the public domain through no breach to Consultant of this agreement.
7. This agreement shall become effective as of the date Information is first made available to Consultant and must survive the contract and be a continuing requirement.
8. The breach of this Nondisclosure Agreement by Consultant shall entitle the County to immediately terminate the Agreement upon written notice to Contractor for such breach. The parties acknowledge that the measure of damages in the event of a breach of this Nondisclosure Agreement may be difficult or impossible to calculate, depending on the nature of the breach. Regardless of whether the County elects to terminate the Agreement upon the breach hereof, the County may require Consultant to pay to the County the sum of \$1,000 for each breach as liquidated damages. This amount is not intended to be in the nature of a penalty, but is intended to be a reasonable estimate of the amount of damages to the County in the event of a breach hereof by Consultant. County 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 26-052/MR) Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Update 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 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 **180 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.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (2) the vendor:

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

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;

or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

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

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

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

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

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

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

(3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

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

- (1) the date that the vendor:

(A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

(B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

- (2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

(A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

(B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or

(C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

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

Adopted 8/7/2015

REQUIRED FORM

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

Adopted 8/7/2015

**THIS FORM IS FOR
OFFICE USE ONLY**

GOOD FAITH EFFORT (GFE) DETERMINATION CHECKLIST

Bidder intends to utilize Subcontractors/Subconsultants in the fulfillment of this contract (if awarded).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Instructions: In order to determine if a “Good Faith Effort” was made in soliciting HUBZone, DBE, ACDBE or VetHUB vendors 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 HUBZone, DBE, ACDBE or VetHUB Subcontractor participation. The Prime Contractor/Consultant may extend his/her efforts in soliciting HUBZone, DBE, ACDBE or VetHUB Subcontractor participation beyond what is listed below.

Did the Prime Contractor/Consultant . . . ?

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

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

Printed Name of Authorized Representative

Signature

Title

Date

REQUIRED FORM FOR FEDERALLY OR STATE FUNDED PROCUREMENTS

Bidder: Please complete this form and include with bid submission.

**NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO SUBCONTRACT WITH
HUBZone, DBE, or ACDBE CERTIFIED VENDORS**

Bidder intends to utilize Subcontractors/Subconsultants in the fulfillment of this contract (if awarded).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Instructions for Prime Contractor/Consultant: Bidder shall submit this form with the bid; however, the information below may be submitted after contract award, but prior to beginning performance on the contract.

Please submit one form for each HUBZone Subcontractor/Subconsultant with proper signatures, per the terms and conditions of your contract.

Contractor Name: _____ Certified: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

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

Project Title & No.: _____

Prime Contract Amount: \$ _____

Certified Subcontractor: _____

Certification Type: _____

Certifying Agency: ☐ Small Business Administration ☐ Texas Department of Transportation

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 "Subcontractor/Subconsultant Change Form" must be completed and faxed to 409-835-8456.

REQUIRED FORM FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED PROCUREMENTS

Bidder: Please complete this form and include with bid submission.

**HUBZone, DBE or ACDBE CERTIFIED VENDOR
SUCONTRACTING PARTICIPATION DECLARATION FORM**

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Bidder intends to utilize Subcontractors/Subconsultants in the fulfillment of this contract (if awarded).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Prime Contractor: _____ Certified: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Certification Type: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

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

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

Total Contract: \$ _____ Total Certified Subcontracts: \$ _____

Construction Certification Goals: HUBZone _____% DBE _____% ACDBE _____%

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Verification date Jefferson County reviewed and verified Sub information Date: _____ Initials: _____

PART I. CERTIFIED SUBCONTRACTOR DISCLOSURE

Certified Subcontractor: _____

Certification Type: _____

Certifying Agency: ☐ Small Business Administration ☐ Texas Department of Transportation

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

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

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

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: _____

REQUIRED FORM FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED PROCUREMENTS
Bidder: Please complete this form and include with bid submission.

**HUBZone, DBE or ABCDE CERTIFIED VENDOR
SUBCONTRACTING PARTICIPATION DECLARATION FORM**

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Certified Subcontractor Disclosure

PART I: Continuation Sheet (Duplicate as Needed)

Certified Subcontractor: _____

Certification Type: _____

Certifying Agency: ☐ Small Business Administration ☐ Texas Department of Transportation

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: _____

Certified Subcontractor: _____

Certification Type: _____

Certifying Agency: ☐ Small Business Administration ☐ Texas Department of Transportation

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

REQUIRED FORM FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED PROCURMENTS
Bidder: Please complete this form and include with bid submission.

**HUBZone, DBE or ACDBE CERTIFIED VENDOR
SUCONTRACTING PARTICIPATION DECLARATION FORM**

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PART II: STATEMENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE FOR NOT MEETING CERTIFIED SUCONTRACTING GOALS

Instructions to Bidder: Please complete Good Faith Effort (GFE) Checklist and attach any supporting documentation.

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

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

Was the Jefferson County Purchasing Office contacted for assistance in locating vendors? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

Subcontractor Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

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

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

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: _____

Subcontractor Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

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

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

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: _____

REQUIRED FORM FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED PROCUREMENTS

Bidder: Please complete this form and include with bid submission.

**HUBZone, DBE or ACDBE CERTIFIED VENDOR
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 *HUBZone, DBE & ACDBE 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 FOR FEDERALLY
FUNDED PROCUREMENTS**
**Bidder: Please complete this form
and include with bid submission.**

VetHUB SUBCONTRACTING PLAN REQUIREMENTS

When is a subcontracting plan required?

A subcontracting plan is required for State of Texas funded procurements when the funding agency has determined that subcontracting opportunities are probable with prospective vendors certified by the Texas Comptroller through the Veteran Heroes United in Business (VetHUB) program, for a contract with an expected value of \$100,000 or more. (**Texas Government Code Chapter 2161, Subchapter F; 34 Texas Administrative Code Section 20.285.**)

When a state agency requires a subcontracting plan as part of the contract solicitation, a bid, proposal, offer or other applicable expression of interest must contain a completed plan to be considered responsive.

Who completes a subcontracting plan?

Every responding vendor — whether a prime contractor or self-performing with no subcontractors — must submit a complete subcontracting plan.

A vendor who intends to use subcontractors must demonstrate their good faith effort to recruit certified VetHUBs, whether or not they ultimately award business to them. *A state agency will not use the subcontractors' VetHUB status to select the winning vendor.* All subcontractors must be listed in the subcontracting plan.

A self-performing vendor who will not subcontract any of the work on the contract must indicate that it will complete the contract with its own resources and submit the completed subcontracting plan.

Does a subcontracting plan have to be followed?

The subcontracting plan forms part of the contract. Subcontractors may not be dropped or replaced without amending the subcontracting plan with approval by the agency. A self-performing contractor may not use subcontractors without amending the subcontracting plan.

Solicitation Number

C1230

Agency Number

Solicitation Title

Jefferson County

Agency Name

SOLICITATION POINT OF CONTACT

Name

Email Address

Phone Number: (Point of Contact)

Description of the subcontracting goal and examples of potential subcontracting opportunities:

VetHUB SUBCONTRACTING PLAN

Section 1: Respondent Information

Respondent (Company) Name

Point of Contact

Email Address

Phone Number

Is your company a State of Texas Certified VetHUB?

Yes

No

Solicitation No.

Bid Response Due Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Section 2: Declaration of Self-performing or Subcontracting

After dividing the contract work into reasonable lots or portions to the extent consistent with prudent industry practices and taking into consideration the scope of work to be performed under the proposed contract, including all potential subcontracting opportunities, the respondent must determine what portions of work, including contracted staffing, goods and services will be subcontracted. 34 Texas Administrative Code Section 20.282 defines a "Subcontractor" as an entity that contracts with a prime contractor to work or contribute toward completing work under a purchase order or other contract. *The term does not include employees of the contractor but includes contracted workers who will work on the contract.*

Will your company fulfill the entire contract with its own resources, including employees, goods and services?

Yes, my company will self-perform the entire contract.

Submit sections 1-3.

No, my company will subcontract portions of the contract.

Submit sections 1 and 4.

Section 3: Affirmation of Self-performing Contractor

As evidenced by my signature below, I affirm that I am an authorized representative of the respondent listed in Section 1, and that the information and supporting documentation submitted with the subcontracting plan is true and correct. Respondent understands and agrees that, if awarded any portion of the contract:

- The respondent must seek approval from Jefferson County prior to making any modifications to its subcontracting plan, including hiring subcontractors to perform any work under this contract. If the subcontracting plan is modified without Jefferson County's prior approval, respondent may be subject to any and all enforcement remedies available under the contract or otherwise available by law, up to and including debarment from all state contracting.
- The respondent must, upon request, allow Jefferson County to perform on-site reviews of the company's headquarters and/or work site where services are being performed and must provide documentation regarding staffing and other resources.

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Section 4: Respondent's Subcontracting Opportunities

This section must be completed by all respondents who propose to subcontract portions of the contract work.

List below all opportunities (commodities, services or contractor staffing) you will subcontract. Also, based on the total value of the contract, provide the percentage of the contract you expect to subcontract to certified VetHUBs, and the percentage of the contract you expect to award to other subcontractors.

Search NIGP Code Book at <https://commbook.app.cpa.state.tx.us/>

Item Number	Subcontracting Opportunity Description	NIGP Code	VetHUB-certified subcontracted percentage of total contract	Other subcontracted percentage of total contract
1			%	%
2			%	%
3			%	%
4			%	%
5			%	%
6			%	%
7			%	%
8			%	%
9			%	%
10			%	%
11			%	%
12			%	%
13			%	%
14			%	%
15			%	%
16			%	%
17			%	%
18			%	%
19			%	%

Section 5.1: Subcontracting Opportunity

Submit a copy of Section 5 for each subcontracting opportunity you listed in Section 4. Download additional forms at <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/forms.php>.

Enter the item number and description of the subcontracting opportunity you listed in Section 4.

Item Number	Subcontracting Opportunity

Section 5.2 Mentor Protégé Program

If respondent is participating as a mentor in a state of Texas Mentor Protégé Program, submitting a protégé (protégé must be a state of Texas certified VetHUB) as a subcontractor to perform the subcontracting opportunity listed in **Section 5.1** constitutes a good faith effort for that specific portion of work.

Circle (Yes or No) that indicates whether you will be subcontracting the portion of work you listed in Section B-1 to your protégé.

No. Go to Section 5.3.

Yes. Go to Section 5.4.

Section 5.3 Notification of Subcontracting Opportunity

Demonstrate your good faith effort to notify Texas certified VetHUBs by communicating each subcontracting opportunity you listed in Section 4.

Search the [VetHUB Directory](#) by business category or NIGP code to identify appropriate VetHUBs that work in the area where you are seeking subcontractors. Certified VetHUBs can be sourced using the VetHUB-only search and will be marked with the Active Bidder (A-Approved) VetHUB status.

Send either the [Subcontracting Opportunity Notification template](#) or an email notice that includes at minimum:

Scope of work

Location to review plans and specifications (if applicable)

Bonding and insurance requirements

Required qualifications

Name of agency

Agency's point of contact

Agency point of contact phone number

Solicitation Number

Prime Contractor's name

Prime Contractor's contact email

Prime Contractor's phone number

Date response required; allow at least seven business days to response excluding weekends and County holidays.

Save copies of emails sent to VetHUBs and the responses received and attach to your subcontracting plan to document the good faith effort. A contract shall not be awarded to a prime contractor whose subcontracting plan good faith effort does not contain accurate supporting documentation.

List two VetHUBs you notified of the subcontracting opportunity listed in Section 5.3. Include the company's Texas Vendor Identification (VID) Number, the date of the notice and indicate whether the HUB responded.

Company Name	Texas VID (Do not enter Social Security Nos.)	Date Notice Sent (mm/dd/yyyy)	VetHUB Response
			Yes No
			Yes No

Section 5.4 Subcontractor Selection

A copy of Section 5 must be completed for each subcontracting opportunity you listed in Section 4. Download additional forms at <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/forms.php>.

Company	Certified	Texas VID or Federal EIN (Do not enter Social Security Number)	Approximate Dollar	Expected Percentage of Contract
	Yes No		\$	%
	Yes No		\$	%
	Yes No		\$	%
	Yes No		\$	%
	Yes No		\$	%
	Yes No		\$	%

Section 6: Affirmation of Prime Contractor

I am an authorized representative of the respondent listed in Section 1 ("Respondent"). I affirm that the information and supporting documentation submitted with this subcontracting plan is true and correct. Respondent understands and agrees that, if awarded a contract:

- Respondent will promptly notify all the subcontractors of their selection as a subcontractor for the contract. The notice must specify the contracting agency's name, point of contact for the contract, the contract award number, the subcontracting opportunity the subcontractor will perform and the value of the subcontract.
- Respondent must obtain approval from the contracting agency prior to modifying its subcontracting plan, including hiring subcontractors to perform any work under this contract.
- Respondent must submit progress assessment reports (PAR) with each invoice to the contracting agency. The PAR template is available on the Texas Comptrollers website.
- Respondent must, upon request, allow the contracting agency to perform on-site reviews of the company's headquarters and work site where services are being performed and provide documentation regarding staffing and other resources.

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

REQUIRED FORM FOR STATE FUNDED PROCUREMENTS
Bidder: Please complete this form and include with bid submission.

RESIDENCE CERTIFICATION/TAX FORM

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

(3) “Non-resident RFP Respondent” refers to a person who is not a resident.

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

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

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

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

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

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

* This is the property amount identification number assigned by the Jefferson County Appraisal District.

** For real property, specify the property address or legal description. For business property, specify the address where the property is located. For example, office equipment will normally be at your office, but inventory may be stored as a warehouse or other location.

REQUIRED FORM

Proposer:

Please complete this form and include with proposal submission.

HOUSE BILL 89 VERIFICATION

Prohibition of Investing Public Funds in Certain Investments

The 85th Texas Legislature approved new legislation, effective September 1, 2017, which amends Texas Government Code. Subtitle F, Title 10 Government Code by adding Chapter 2270. Chapter 2270 has been amended by the 89th Texas Legislature House Bill 34 effective September 1, 2025 which states that a governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it:

1. Does not and will not engage in scrutinized business operations with a "County of Concern" during the term of the contract; and
2. Does not and will not acquire a security issued by a "Country of Concern" or entity owned by, controlled by or subject to the jurisdiction of a "Country of Concern" during the term of the contract; and
3. Does not and will not invest or make a deposit in a bank with a principal place of business located in a "County of Concern" during the term of the contract; and

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

1. **"Country of Concern"** 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 sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, or other entity or business association whose securities are publicly traded including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business association, that exist to make a profit.

I, (authorized official) _____, do hereby depose and verify the truthfulness and accuracy of the contents of the statements submitted on this certification under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Texas Government Code Chapter 2270 and the company named below is in compliance with Texas Government Code 2270 as listed above.

Company Name

Signature of Authorized Official

Title of Authorized Official

Date

REQUIRED FORM

Bidder: Please complete this form and include with bid submission.

SENATE BILL 252 CERTIFICATION FORM

Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Engaged in Business with Iran, Sudan or Foreign Terrorist Organizations

The 85th Texas Legislature approved new legislation, effective September 1, 2017, which amends Texas Government Code. Subtitle F, Title 10 Government Code by adding Chapter 2252.152 & 2252.153 which states that a governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it:

1. Does not do business with Iran, Sudan or any Foreign Terrorist Organization.
2. Will not do business with Iran, Sudan or any Foreign Terrorist Organization during the term of the contract.

Pursuant to Section 2252.51, Texas Government Code:

"Foreign Terrorist Organization" means an organization designated as a foreign terrorist organization by the United States secretary of state as authorized by 8 U.S.C. Section 1189.

"Company" has the meaning assigned by Section 806.001.

I, (authorized official) _____, do hereby depose and verify the truthfulness and accuracy of the contents of the statements submitted on this certification under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Texas Government Code Chapter 2252.152 & 2252.153 and the company named below:

1. Does not do business with Iran, Sudan or any Foreign Terrorist Organization; and
2. Will do business with Iran, Sudan or any Foreign Terrorist Organization during the term of the contract; and
3. Is not currently listed on the State of Texas Comptroller's Companies Divestment Statue List located at <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/publications/divestment.php>

Company Name

Signature of Authorized Official

Title of Authorized Official

Date

REQUIRED FORM

**Bidder: Please complete this form
and include with bid 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

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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 **180 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

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TELEPHONE NUMBER

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this _____ day of
_____, 2026

Notary Public

State of _____

My Commission Expires: _____

REQUIRED FORM

Proposer:

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