



**JEFFERSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**Advertisement for Request for Proposal**

**September 26, 2016**

The County of Jefferson, Texas has received funding for a Texas Community Development Block Grant from Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs (TDA) for sewer improvements. Accordingly, the County is seeking to contract with a qualified Professional Administrator or Service Provider (individual/firm) to administer the contract.

Specifications for this Request for Proposal may be obtained from the Jefferson County website at <http://co.jefferson.tx.us/Purchasing/main.htm>.

Proposals are to be sealed and addressed to the Purchasing Agent with the proposal number and name marked on the outside of the envelope or box. Offerors shall forward an original and four (4) hard copies of their proposal to the address shown below. Late proposals will be rejected as non-responsive. Proposals will be publicly opened and only the firm name will be read aloud in the Jefferson County Commissioners' Courtroom at the time and date below. Proposals shall be opened in a manner that avoids disclosure of the contents to competing offerors and maintains the confidentiality of the proposals during negotiations. Proposals will be open for public inspection after the award of the contract, except for trade secrets and confidential information. Offerors are invited to attend the sealed proposal opening.

**PROPOSAL NAME:** Grant Administration and Management Services  
for Community Development Block Grant Program Phase V  
**PROPOSAL NO:** RFP 16-032/JW  
**DUE DATE/TIME:** 11:00 am CDT, Tuesday, October 18, 2016  
**MAIL OR DELIVER TO:** Jefferson County Purchasing Department  
1149 Pearl Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Beaumont, Texas 77701

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

Jefferson County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact our office at 409-835-8593 to make arrangements no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the submittal deadline. Jefferson County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities and to take whatever action is in the best interest of Jefferson County.

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

**Respondents are strongly encouraged to carefully read the entire invitation.**

Deborah L. Clark, Purchasing Agent  
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## Proposal Submittal Checklist

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

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

Offeror shall check each box indicating compliance.

### THIS CHECKLIST MUST BE SUBMITTED AS PART OF YOUR PACKAGE

- Cover sheet identifying the contract/project being proposed, the name and address of the Offeror, the date of the proposal, and the email address, telephone, and facsimile numbers of Offeror.
- An acknowledgment and/or response to each section of the proposal.
- Form of business (e.g., corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership); if corporation the date and state of incorporation.
- Identification of three (3) entities for which the Offeror is providing or has provided Grant Administration and Management Services of the type requested, including the name, position, and telephone number of a contact person at each entity.
- Identification of all legal claims, demands, contracts terminated or lawsuits filed, threatened, or pending against the Offeror and/or its principal/officers for the last three (3) years, as well as identification of any administrative actions or warnings taken or issued by any federal, state, or local governmental agency to Offeror and/or its principals/officers with regard to the provision of the same or similar service as covered by this RFP, or the payment of moneys under the terms of any agreement(s) relating to such services.
- Offeror must submit one (1) original and four (4) exact duplicate, numbered hard copies of the proposal.

Offeror is responsible for including within their response to this RFP, (1) one original completed copy of this bid specifications packet and four (4) hard copies to include at a minimum all pages requiring completion and/or marked with instructions to be returned with response and any other documentation requested within these specifications no later than 11:00 am CDT, Tuesday, October 18, 2016, to the Jefferson County Purchasing Department, 1149 Pearl Street, 1st Floor, Beaumont, TX 77701.

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

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

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

## 1. Introduction to Offerors

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is to receive proposals from qualified professional administration/management firms/consultants to assist the County in the overall management of its recent Texas Community Development block Grant (TxCDBG) award from the Texas Department of Agriculture – Office of Rural Affairs (TDA) for a sewer improvement project.

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

### 1.1 Vendor Instructions

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

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

### 1.2 Governing Law

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

### 1.3 Ambiguity, Conflict, or other errors in the RFP

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

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

### 1.4 Notification of Most Current Address

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

### 1.5 Proposal Preparation Cost

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

## **1.6 Signature of Proposal**

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

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

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

## **1.7 Economy of Presentation**

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

## **1.8 Proposal Obligation**

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

## **1.9 Incorporation by Reference and Precedence**

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

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

## **1.10 Governing Forms**

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

## **1.11 Implied Requirements**

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

## 1.12 Compliance with RFP Specifications

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

## 1.13 Vendor Registration: SAM (System for Award Management)

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

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

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

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

As of January 1, 2016, per House Bill 1295, the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) requires **all awarded vendors** to complete a Certificate of Interested Parties (FORM 1295) at time of notification of award. **Awarded Vendors** must visit the TEC website link below, 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.

**At the time of award, the Jefferson County Purchasing Department will submit a request to the Awarded Vendor to both:**

1. Submit FORM 1295 online via the Texas Ethics Commission website link below.
2. Submit a printed copy of FORM 1295, signed by an Authorized Agent of the Awarded Vendor and notarized to the Jefferson County Purchasing Department.

**FORM 1295, Completion Instructions, and Login Instructions are available via the Texas Ethics Commission Website at:** [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm)

## 1.15 Evaluation

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

### **1.16 Withdrawal of Proposal**

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

### **1.17 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, this Acceptance of Offer 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 this Acceptance of Offer 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 Acceptance of Offer, 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.

### **1.18 Minority-Women Business Enterprise Participation**

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

### **1.19 Award**

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

### **1.20 Ownership of Proposal**

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

### **1.21 Disqualification of Offeror**

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

### **1.22 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 Offeror must be



amenable to inclusion in a contract of any information provided (in writing) either in response to this RFP or subsequently during the selection process.

### **1.23 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 Offeror. **Department heads are not authorized to sign agreements for Jefferson County.** Binding agreements shall remain in effect until all products and/or services covered by this proposal have been satisfactorily delivered and accepted.

### **1.25 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 Offeror, or if the bidder 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 Non-Discrimination**

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

### **1.27 Conflict of Interest**

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

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

### **1.28 Waiver of Subrogation**

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

## **1.29 Acknowledgment of Insurance Requirements**

By signing its proposal, Offeror acknowledges that it has read and understands the insurance requirements (Pages 10–12) for this proposal. Offeror 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 Offeror's proposal. The insurance requirements are part of this package.

### 1.30 Insurance Requirements

The contractor (including any and all subcontractors as defined in Section 1.35.1.3 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.

**Contractor shall furnish Jefferson County with Certificate of Insurance naming Jefferson County as additional insured.**

Contractor must furnish a Certificates of Insurance showing the following **minimum coverage** by insurance company(s) acceptable to the Jefferson County Purchasing Department.

TYPE OF INSURANCE	MINIMUM INSURANCE COVERAGE
<b>30-day written notice of cancellation, non-renewal, material change or termination required on all certificates</b>	<b>Bodily Injury and Property Damage</b> Per Occurrence Aggregate
COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY including: 1. Premises - Operations 2. Products/ Completed Operations 3. Contractual Liability 4. Independent Contractors 5. Broad Form Property Damage 6. Personal Injury 7. Advertising Injury 8. Pollution (where applicable) 9. Fire Legal Liability 10. Medical Payments Coverage	<u>\$1,000,000 COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT</u>
AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY----OWNED, NON-OWNED, HIRED, BORROWED OR RENTED	<u>\$1,000,000 COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT</u>
WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE  EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE	<u>WHICH COMPLIES WITH THE TEXAS WORKER'S COMPENSATION ACT</u>  \$ 500,000
PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGE	<u>Each Contractor is responsible for insuring their own property and all interest in that property</u>
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY--- ERRORS & OMISSIONS COVERAGE (Where Applicable)	<u>\$1,000,000 PER OCCURRENCE</u> <u>\$2,000,000 POLICY AGGREGATE</u>  <b>If coverage is written on a Claims-Made Basis, the Retro-Active Date must be prior to the Contract Date; and must extended for a minimum of two years following the completion of the contract.</b>

In the event of accidents of any kind, the Contractor must furnish the Jefferson County Purchasing Department with copies of all reports of any accident immediately, but no more than five (5) days of the accident.

## II. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. The Contractor must obtain worker's compensation coverage through a licensed insurance company obtained in accordance with Texas law. The contract for coverage must be written on a policy and with endorsements approved by the Texas Department of Insurance. The coverage provided must be in an amount sufficient to assure that all workers' compensation obligations incurred by the Contractor will be promptly met.
- B. Certificate of Insurance:
- \* The **County of Jefferson** must be named as an **additional insured** on the liability coverage and a **blanket waiver of subrogation** is required on all applicable Policies – **applicable endorsements MUST accompany the Certificate of Insurance.**
  - \* At a minimum, the carrier must be rated by A.M. Best with an A-VII or better.

### Section 1.31 Workers' Compensation Insurance

#### 1.31.1 Definitions:

- 1.31.1.1 **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.
- 1.31.1.2 **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.
- 1.31.1.3 **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.
- 1.31.2 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.
- 1.31.3 The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the governmental entity prior to being awarded the contract – refer to Section 1.30 above.
- 1.31.4 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.
- 1.35.5 The Contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to the governmental entity:
- 1.31.5.1 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

- 1.31.5.2 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.
- 1.31.6 The Contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter.
- 1.31.7 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.
- 1.31.8 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.
- 1.31.9 The Contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project to:
  - 1.31.9.1 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.
  - 1.31.9.2 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.
  - 1.31.9.3 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.
  - 1.31.9.4 Obtain from each person with whom it contracts, and provide to the Contractor:
    - 1.31.9.4.1 A certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and
    - 1.31.9.4.2 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.
  - 1.31.9.5 Retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter.
  - 1.31.9.6 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
  - 1.31.9.7 Contractually require each person with whom it contracts to perform as required by paragraphs 1.31.1 – 1.31.7., with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.
- 1.31.10 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.
- 1.31.11 The Contractor's failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of contract by the Contractor which entitles the governmental entity to declare the contract void if the Contractor does not remedy the breach within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of breach from the governmental entity.

### 1.32 Delivery of Proposals

All proposals are to be delivered by 11:00 am CDT, Tuesday, October 18, 2016 to:

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

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

**County Holidays – 2016:**

January 1	Friday	New Year's Day
January 18	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 15	Monday	President's Day
March 25	Friday	Good Friday
May 30	Monday	Memorial Day
July 4	Monday	Independence Day
September 5	Monday	Labor Day
November 11	Friday	Veterans Day
November 24 & 25	Thursday & Friday	Thanksgiving
December 23 & 26	Friday & Monday	Christmas

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

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

**Proposals shall be tightly sealed in an opaque envelope or box and plainly marked with the Proposal Number, Proposal Name, Proposal Due Date, and the Offeror's Name and Address; and shall be addressed to the Purchasing Agent.**

Offeror must submit one (1) original and four (4) exact duplicate, numbered hard copies of the proposal.

Offeror is responsible for including within their response to this RFP, (1) one original completed copy of this bid specifications packet and four (4) hard copies to include at a minimum all pages requiring completion and/or marked with instructions to be returned with response and any other documentation requested within these specifications no later than 11:00 am CDT, Tuesday, October 18, 2016, to the Jefferson County Purchasing Department, 1149 Pearl Street, 1st Floor, Beaumont, TX 77701.

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

### 1.33 Proposal Submissions During Time of Inclement Weather, Disaster, or Emergency

In case of inclement weather or any other unforeseen event causing the County to close for business on the date of a bid/proposal/statement of qualifications submission deadline, the bid 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 bids will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first business day on which normal County processes resume.

### 1.34 Questions

Questions may be emailed to Jamey West, Assistant Purchasing Agent at: [jwest@co.jefferson.tx.us](mailto:jwest@co.jefferson.tx.us)

### 1.35 Tentative Schedule of Events

September 26, 2016	Issuance of Request for Proposal
October 18, 2016	Deadline Submission (late proposals will not be considered)
October 20, 2016	Proposals distributed to Evaluation Committee
Week of October 25, 2016	Evaluation Committee Convenes to Tabulate Scoring and Determines Short List
Week of November 1, 2016	Conduct Interview/Best and Final Offer/Short List
November 7, 2016	Recommendation for Award

**Please note:**

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

## **2. Response Format**

### **2.1 Introduction**

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

### **2.2 Organization of Proposal Contents**

Each proposal must be organized in the manner described below.

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

### **2.3 Transmittal Letter**

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

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

The transmittal letter must include a statement of acceptance of the terms and conditions of the contract resulting from this RFP. If Offeror takes exception to any of the proposed terms and conditions stated in this RFP, those exceptions must be noted in the transmittal letter. However, Offeror must realize that failure to accept the terms specified in this proposal may result in disqualification of the proposal.

The transmittal letter must include a statement of acceptance of the Standards of Performance for the contract resulting from this RFP.



## **2.4 Executive Summary**

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

## **2.5 Table of Contents**

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

## **2.6 Offeror Identifying Information**

Offerors must provide the following identifying information:

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

## **2.7 Conflict of Interest**

Each Offeror must disclose any existing or potential conflict of interest relative to the performance of the requirements of this RFP. Examples of potential conflicts may include an existing business or personal relationship between the Offeror, its principal, or any affiliate or subcontractor, with the County or any other entity or person involved in any way in the project that is the subject of this RFP. Similarly, any personal or business relationship between the Offeror, the principals, or any affiliate or subcontractor, with any employee of the County or its

suppliers must be disclosed. Any such relationship that might be perceived or represented as a conflict must be disclosed. Failure to disclose any such relationship or reveal personal relationships with state employees may be cause for contract termination. The County will decide if an actual or perceived conflict should result in proposal disqualification.

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

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

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

### 3. Proposal Submittal

The Proposal is due no later than 11:00 am CDT, Tuesday, October 18, 2016 and shall include the following:

- Cover sheet identifying the contract/project being proposed, the name and address of Offeror, the date of the proposal, and the telephone and facsimile numbers of Offeror.
- An acknowledgment and/or response to each section of the proposal.
- Form of business (e.g., corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership); if corporation the date and state of incorporation.
- Identification of three (3) entities for which the Offeror is providing or has provided grant administration and management services of the type requested, including the name, position, and telephone number of a contact person at each entity.
- Identification of all legal claims, demands, contracts terminated or lawsuits filed, threatened, or pending against the Offeror and/or its principal/officers for the last three (3) years, as well as identification of any administrative actions or warnings taken or issued by any federal, state, or local governmental agency to Offeror and/or its principals/officers with regard to the provision of the same or similar service as covered by this RFP, or the payment of moneys under the terms of any agreement(s) relating to such services.
- Offeror must submit one (1) original and four (4) exact duplicate, numbered hard copies of the proposal.

Offeror is responsible for submitting (1) one original completed copy of this bid specifications packet in its entirety (all pages of this packet), and four (4) hard copies to include at a minimum all pages requiring completion and/or marked with instructions to be returned with response and any other documentation requested within these specifications, to be delivered to:

Jefferson County Purchasing Department  
Attention: Deborah L. Clark, Purchasing Agent  
1149 Pearl Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Beaumont, TX 77701  
Attention:

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

## 4. Background

Jefferson County is seeking to enter into a professional services contract with a competent professional administration/management firm/consultant to assist the County in the overall management of its recent Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) award from the Texas Department of Agriculture – Office of Rural Affairs (TDA) for a sewer improvements project as described below.

### Cheek Community/Shady Lane Road Sewer Improvements

Residents in the unincorporated community of Cheek, located in Jefferson County, do not have access to public sewer service and rely upon failing septic systems, resulting in a threat to public health. Additionally, residents in an unincorporated area of Jefferson County on Shady Lane Road, do not have access to public sewer service and rely upon failing septic systems, resulting in a threat to public health.

The Contractor certifies that activity(ies) carried out under this contract will meet the National Objective of benefitting low and moderate income (LMI) persons with at least 51% of the beneficiaries qualifying as LMI.

#### Rehabilitation: Single Unit Sewer Service

Contractor shall provide first-time sewer access to residents in the unincorporated community of Cheek. Contractor shall install twelve (12) grinder pumps, twelve (12) sewer yard service lines, mitigate all existing septic systems, and all associated appurtenances. TxCDBG funds shall not fund a yard service line on private property to a household that does not qualify as LMI. Residents will be serviced by the West Jefferson County Municipal Water District. Construction shall take place on Brooks Road, Faith Road, Landry Lane, Boyt Road, Phillips Street, Lawhon Road, Moonglow Road, Martel Street.

These activities shall benefit twenty-seven (27) persons, of which twenty-seven (27) or one hundred percent (100%) are of low-to-moderate income.

#### Sewer Improvements

Contractor shall provide first-time sewer access to residents on Shady Lane. Contract shall install approximately four thousand five hundred ninety-five linear feet (4,595 lf) of three-inch (3") to four-inch (4") force main, boring, manholes, pavement repair, and all associated appurtenances. Residents will be served by the West Jefferson County Municipal Water District. Construction shall take place on Shady Lane Road, from East Lane and Main Lane.

These activities shall benefit sixty-eight (68) persons, of which fifty-seven (57) or eighty-four percent (84%) are of low-to-moderate income.

#### Rehabilitation: Single-Unit Sewer

Contractor shall provide first-time sewer access to residents on Shady Lane. Contractor shall install six (6) grinder pumps, six (6) sewer yard service lines, mitigate all existing septic systems, and all associated appurtenances. TxCDBG funds shall not fund a yard service line on private property to a household that does not qualify as LMI. Residents shall be served by the West Jefferson County Municipal Water District. Construction shall take place on Shady Lane.

These activities shall benefit fifteen (15) persons, of which fifteen (15) or one-hundred percent (100 %) are of low-to-moderate income.

Total budget: \$302,500.00

## 5. Scope of Work

The professional administration/management firm/consultant contracted under this RFP shall provide contract-related management services to the County including but not limited to the following areas:

- Project Management
- Financial Management
- Environmental Review
- Real Property Acquisition/ URA
- Construction Management
- Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity
- Housing rehabilitation/affordable housing (if applicable)
- Audit/Contract Close-out Assistance

## 6. Statement of Qualifications

The County is seeking to contract with a competent professional administration/management firm/consultant that has had experience in grants/contracts administration. Specifically, it is seeking those consultant(s) or firm(s) with the following qualifications:

- Related experience in managing federally-funded local public works construction projects
- Related Experience / Background with specific project type
- Certified Administrator of TxCDBG Program by TDA
- Consultant/Firm is not debarred or suspended from the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) in the System for Award Management (SAM).

As such, please provide within your proposal a list of referrals from past local government clients, as well as resumes of all employees who will or may be assigned to provide technical assistance to the city/county on this project if your firm is awarded this management services contract.

## 7. Proposed Cost of Services

Please provide your cost proposal to accomplish the scope of work by category outlined above and for any additional activities required. The proposed budget must include all costs that are necessary to successfully complete this project. Please note that the Jefferson County will not use lowest/best bid as the sole basis for entering into this contract.

*If the cost of proposed professional administration services will exceed \$ 50,000, then profit (either % / actual cost) must be identified and negotiated as a separate element of the price of the contract. To comply, the bidder must disclose and certify in its proposal the percentage of profit being used.*

## 8. Evaluation Criteria

The proposal received will be evaluated and ranked according to the following criteria:

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

## **9. Deadline for Submission**

Proposals must be received no later than 11:00 am CDT, Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at the following address:

Jefferson County Purchasing Department  
Attention: Deborah L. Clark, Purchasing Agent  
1149 Pearl Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Beaumont, TX 77701  
Attention:

## **NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

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

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

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

[Printed Name of Consultant]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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## Vendor References

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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.

*THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR BID.*

### REFERENCE ONE

Government/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Scope of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

### REFERENCE TWO

Government/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Scope of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

### REFERENCE THREE

Government/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Scope of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Signature Page

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

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

The undersigned agrees, if this bid 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 Invitation for Bid, Conditions of Bidding, 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 bid in collusion with any other bidder, and that the contents of this bid as to prices, terms or conditions of said bid have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any other bidder or to any other person(s) engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this bid. And further, that neither the bidder 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 bid or not to bid thereon.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bidder (Entity Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street & Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address

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# Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

<b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE</b> For vendor doing business with local governmental entity		<b>FORM CIQ</b>
<p><b>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.</b></p> <p>This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).</p> <p>By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.</p> <p>A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.</p>	<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	
<p><b>1</b> Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.</p>	<p>Date Received</p>	
<p><b>2</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)</p>		
<p><b>3</b> Name of local government officer about whom the information in this section is being disclosed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name of Officer</p> <p>This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C, &amp; D) must be completed for each officer with whom the vendor has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.</p> <p>A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more?</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>D. Describe each employment or business and family relationship with the local government officer named in this section.</p>		
<p><b>4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">Date</p>		

Adopted 8/7/2015

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# Local Government Officer Conflicts Disclosure Statement - OFFICE USE ONLY

<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b>		<b>FORM CIS</b>
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.		<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Name of Local Government Officer</b>	Date Received
<b>2</b>	<b>Office Held</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Name of vendor described by Sections 176.001(7) and 176.003(a), Local Government Code</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Description of the nature and extent of employment or other business relationship with vendor named in item 3</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>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).</b>  Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____  Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____  Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____  (attach additional forms as necessary)	
<b>6</b>	<b>AFFIDAVIT</b>  I swear under penalty of perjury that the above statement is true and correct. I acknowledge that the disclosure applies to each family member (as defined by Section 176.001(2), Local Government Code) of this local government officer. I also acknowledge that this statement covers the 12-month period described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), Local Government Code.  <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">                     _____                      Signature of Local Government Officer                 </div>  AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE  Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said _____, this the _____ day of _____, 20_____, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <span>_____ Signature of officer administering oath</span> <span>_____ Printed name of officer administering oath</span> <span>_____ Title of officer administering oath</span> </div>	

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# Good Faith Effort (GFE)

## DETERMINATION CHECKLIST

*This information must be submitted with your bid.*

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

### Did the Prime Contractor/Consultant . . .

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Authorized  
Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

*This information must be submitted with your bid.*

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 HUB Subcontractor/Subconsultant with proper signatures, per the terms and conditions of your contract.

Contractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ HUB:  Yes  No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title & No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Prime Contract Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

HUB Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Contractor Representative Signature of Representative Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of HUB Signature of Representative Date

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

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

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# Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Subcontracting Participation Declaration Form

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***This information must be submitted with your bid.***

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

Yes  No

Prime Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_ HUB:  Yes  No

HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title & No.: \_\_\_\_\_ IFB/RFP No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Construction HUB Goals: 12.8% MBE:: \_\_\_\_\_ % 12.6% WBE: \_\_\_\_\_ %

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

## FOR HUB OFFICE USE ONLY:

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

## PART I. HUB SUCONTRACTOR DISCLOSURE

HUB Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

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## HUB SUBCONTRACTOR DISCLOSURE

**PART I: Continuation Sheet**

**(Duplicate as Needed)**

HUB Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

HUB Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name (print or type): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name (print or type): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Residence Certification/Tax Form

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

- (3) "Nonresident bidder" refers to a person who is not a resident.
  
- (4) "Resident bidder" refers to a person whose principal place of business is in this state, including a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in this state.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Bid Affidavit

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

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

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

on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, who  
(name)

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

"I, \_\_\_\_\_ am a duly authorized officer of/agent  
(name)

for \_\_\_\_\_ and have been duly authorized to execute the  
(name of firm)

foregoing on behalf of the said \_\_\_\_\_.  
(name of firm)

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

Name and address of bidder: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_

by: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name)

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

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

this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for  
the State of \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sample Contract**  
**MANAGEMENT/ADMINISTRATION SERVICES**

**PART I**  
**AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, by and between the COUNTY OF Jefferson, hereinafter called the "County", acting herein by \_\_\_\_\_ hereunto duly authorized, and \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter called "the Contractor", acting herein by \_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the County of Jefferson desires to implement Phase V Sewer Improvements under the general direction of the Texas Community Development Block Grant (hereinafter called "TxCDBG") Program; and Whereas the County desires to engage \_\_\_\_\_ to render certain professional administrative services in connection with this TxCDBG Project, Contract Number \_\_\_\_\_.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties do mutually agree as follows:

1. Definitions:

Throughout this document:

- a. "Agreement" refers to the contract between a city or county and a professional or administrative services Contractor to assist with the administration, construction, engineering or implementation of all or any portion of a community development block grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture.
- b. "Contractor" refers to a professional or administrative services Contractor engaged to assist a County with the administration, construction, engineering or implementation of all or a portion of a community development block grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture.
- c. "Parties" refer to the Contractor and the County.

2. Scope of Services

The Contractor will perform the services set out in Part II, Scope of Services.

3. Time of Performance - The services of the Contractor shall commence on \_\_\_\_\_. In any event, all of the services required and performed hereunder shall be completed no later than \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Local Program Liaison - For purposes of this Contract, the [*Jefferson County Representative*] or equivalent authorized person will serve as the Local Program Liaison and primary point of contact for the Contractor. All required progress reports and communication regarding the project shall be directed to this liaison and other local personnel as appropriate.

5. Access to Information - The County, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), the Texas State Auditor's Office, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any successor agency or representative, shall have access to any books, documents, papers and records relating to the Contractor's agreement with the County or the administration, construction, engineering or implementation of the TxCDBG award between TDA and County.

6. Compensation and Method of Payment - The maximum amount of compensation and reimbursement to be paid hereunder shall not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_. Payment to the Contractor shall be based on satisfactory completion of identified milestones in Part III - Payment Schedule of this Agreement.

7. Indemnification – The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and shall exonerate, indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its agency members from and against any and all claims, costs, suits, and damages, including attorneys’ fees, arising out of the Contractor’s performance or nonperformance of the activities, services or subject matter called for in this agreement or in connection with the management and administration of the TxCDBG contract, and shall assume full responsibility for payments of Federal, State and local taxes on contributions imposed or required under the Social Security, worker's compensation and income tax laws.

8. Miscellaneous Provisions

- a. This Agreement shall be construed under and in accord with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Jefferson County, Texas.
- b. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns where permitted by this Agreement.
- c. In any case one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
- d. If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.
- e. This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties hereto and a writing to be attached to and incorporated into this Agreement.

9. Extent of Agreement

This Agreement, which includes Parts I-IV, [*and if applicable*, including the following exhibits/attachments:   ] represents the entire and integrated agreement between the County and the Contractor and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by authorized representatives of both County and Contractor.

IN WITNESSETH WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by causing the same to be signed on the day and year first above written.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Jeff R. Branick

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jefferson County Judge

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

(Contractor’s Authorized Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

## **PART II SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The Contractor shall provide the following scope of services: (*choose contracted services*)

### **A. Project Management**

1. Develop a recordkeeping system consistent with program guidelines, including the establishment of a filing system.
2. Maintenance of filing system.
3. Provide general advice and technical assistance to the County personnel on implementation of project and regulatory matters.
4. Assist in the procurement of professional consulting engineering services through the request for proposal process, if applicable, and as required by the TxCDBG regulations.
5. Furnish County with necessary forms and procedures required for implementation of project.
6. Assist the County in meeting all special condition requirements that may be stipulated in the contract between the County and TDA.
7. Prepare and submit to TDA documentation necessary for amending the TxCDBG contract.
8. Conduct re-assessment of environmental clearance for any program amendments.
9. Prepare and submit quarterly reports (progress and minority hiring).
10. Prepare Financial Information Report or County.
11. Establish procedures to document expenditures associated with local administration of the project.
12. Provide guidance and assistance to County regarding acquisition of property:
  - Submit required reports concerning acquisition activities to TDA;
  - Establish a separate acquisition file for each parcel of real property acquired;
  - Determine necessary method(s) for acquiring real property;
  - Prepare correspondence to the property owners for the County's signature to acquire the property or to secure an easement; and
  - Assist the County in negotiation with property owner(s).
13. Maintain TxCDBG Property Management register for any property/equipment purchased or leased.
14. Serve as liaison for the County during any monitoring visit by staff representatives from either TDA or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

### **B. Financial Management**

1. Assist the County in proving its ability to manage the grant funds to the state's audit division.
2. Assist the County in establishing and maintaining a bank account (Direct Deposit account) and/or separate local bank account, journals and ledgers.
3. Assist the County in submitting the required Accounting System Certification letter, Direct Deposit Authorization Form (if applicable), and/or Depository/Authorized Signatory form to TDA.
4. Prepare all fund drawdowns on behalf of the County in order to ensure orderly, timely payments to all contracting parties within the allotted time period.
5. Review invoices received for payment and file back-up documentation.
6. Provide general advice and technical assistance to County personnel on implementation of project and regulatory matters.
7. Assist the County in establishing procedures to handle the use of any TxCDBG program income.

### **C. Environmental Review**

1. Prepare environmental assessment.
2. Coordinate environmental clearance procedures with other federal or state agencies and interested parties responsible for implementing applicable laws.
3. Document consideration of any public comments.
4. Prepare any required re-assessment of environmental assessment.
5. Prepare Request for Release of Funds and certifications to be sent to TDA

D. Acquisition

1. Prepare required acquisition reports(s).
2. Obtain documentation of ownership for County-owned property and/or Right of Way (ROWs).
3. Maintain a separate file for each parcel of real property acquired.
4. Determine necessary method(s) for acquiring real property.
5. Prepare correspondence with property owners.
6. Assist County in negotiations with property owner(s).
7. Prepare required acquisition reports and submit to TDA.

E. Construction Management

1. Establish procedures to document expenditures associated with local construction of the project (if force account is applicable).
  - Assist County in determining whether and/or what TxCDBG contract activities will be carried out in whole or in part via force account labor.
  - Assist County in determining whether or not it will be necessary to hire temporary employees to specifically carry out TxCDBG contract activities.
  - Assist County in maintaining adequate documentation of personnel, equipment and materials expended/used and their costs.
2. Assist County in documenting compliance with all federal and state requirements related to equal employment opportunity.
3. Assist County in documenting compliance with all federal and state requirements related to minimum wage and overtime pay requirements.
4. Provide assistance to or act as local labor standards officer. Notify TDA in writing of name, address, and phone number of appointed labor standards compliance officer.
5. Request wage rates from TDA.
6. Provide sample TxCDBG contract documents to engineer.
7. Advertise for bids.
8. Make ten-day call to TDA.
9. Verify construction contractor eligibility with TDA.
10. Review construction contract.
11. Conduct pre-construction conference and prepare minutes.
12. Submit any reports of additional classification and rates to TDA.
13. Issue Notice of Start of Construction to TDA.
14. Review weekly payrolls, including compliance follow-ups. Conduct employee interviews.
15. Process change orders approved by County and the project engineer and submit to TDA prior to execution with the construction contractor.
16. Obtain Certificate of Construction Completion/Final Wage Compliance Report and submit to TDA.
17. Provide general advice and technical assistance to County personnel on implementation of project and regulatory matters.

F. Fair Housing / Equal Opportunity

1. Assist the County in developing, implementing and documenting new activities to affirmatively further fair housing during the contract period.
2. Maintain documentation of all project beneficiaries by ethnicity and gender.
3. Assist with the development and administration of the Citizen Participation Plan per 24 CFR Part 91, including grievance procedures.
4. Assist with Section 3 requirements per 24 CFR Part 135.
5. Prepare all Section 504 requirements per 24 CFR Part 8.
6. Provide all applicable equal opportunity provisions and certifications for inclusion in bid packet.
7. Ensure adoption of Excessive Force provision per 24 CFR Part 91.
8. Ensure the adequate publication of required notices.

G. Relocation

1. Prepare and submit local relocation guidelines to TDA for approval.
2. Assist County in identifying individuals to be relocated and prepare appropriate notices.
3. Interview relocatees and identify assistance needs.
4. Maintain a relocation record for each individual/family.
5. Provide education/assistance to relocatees.
6. Inventory local available housing resources and maintain a referral list.
7. Issue appropriate notices to relocatees.
8. Ensure that all payments are made in a timely manner.

H. Rehabilitation of Private Property

1. Prepare and submit local rehabilitation guidelines to TDA for approval.
2. Assist County in establishing escrow account and obtaining TDA approval.
3. Develop outreach and necessary application processing/verification forms.
4. Screen applicants.
5. Prepare work write-ups and cost estimates.
6. Issue Notice to Proceed to construction contractor(s).
7. Conduct interim/final inspections, process final contract documents, and maintain a record of beneficiaries.
8. Maintain client files following TDA requirements.

I. Audit / Close-out Procedures

1. Prepare the final Project Completion Report, including the General Report, Recipient Beneficiary Report, Final Financial Interest Report, and any required documentation regarding citizen participation/equal rights/fair housing and Certificate of Completion.
2. Assist County in resolving any monitoring and audit findings.
3. Assist County in resolving any third party claims.
4. Provide auditor with TxCDBG audit guidelin



**PART III  
PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

County shall reimburse (Contractor) for management/administrative services provided for completion of the following project milestones per the following percentages of the maximum contract amount:

<b>Milestone / Task</b>	<b>% of Contract Fee</b>
• Establishment of Recordkeeping System	5%
• Completion of Environmental/Special Conditions Clearance	15%
• Completion of all Acquisition Activities	10%
• Completion of the Bid/Contract Award Process	15%
• Labor Standards Compliance/Completion of Construction	15%
• Comply with EEO / Fair Housing Requirements	10%
• Program and Financial Management	20%
• Filing of all Required Close-out Information	10%
Total	100%

**NOTE:** Percentages of payment listed here are guidelines based on management services typically provided. The payment schedule should be tied directly to the actual Scope of Work identified in Part II - Administrative Scope of Services. Localities may also opt to reimburse Professional Services Contracts on an hourly basis.

**PART IV**  
**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. Termination for Cause. If the Contractor fails to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the Contractor violates any of the covenants, conditions, agreements, or stipulations of this Agreement, the County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Contractor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, which shall be at least five days before the effective date of such termination. In the event of termination for cause, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs and reports prepared by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall, at the option of the County, be turned over to the County and become the property of the County. In the event of termination for cause, the Contractor shall be entitled to receive reasonable compensation for any necessary services actually and satisfactorily performed prior to the date of termination.

Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the County for damages sustained by the County by virtue of any breach of contract by the Contractor, and the County may set-off the damages it incurred as a result of the Contractor's breach of contract from any amounts it might otherwise owe the Contractor.

2. Termination for Convenience of the County. The County may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving at least ten (10) days' notice in writing to the Contractor. If this Contract is terminated for convenience, the County will pay the Contractor for actual services rendered up to the termination date, based on the charges for time, labor, expenses and other items specified in the Agreement.
3. Changes. The County may, from time to time, request changes in the services the Contractor will perform under this Agreement. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Contractor's compensation, must be agreed to by all parties and finalized through a signed, written amendment to this Agreement.
4. Resolution of Program Non-Compliance and Disallowed Costs. In the event of any dispute, claim, question, or disagreement arising from or relating to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, including determination of responsibility for any costs disallowed as a result of non-compliance with federal, state or TxCDBG program requirements, the parties hereto shall use their best efforts to settle the dispute, claim, question or disagreement. To this effect, the parties shall consult and negotiate with each other in good faith within 30 days of receipt of a written notice of the dispute or invitation to negotiate, and attempt to reach a just and equitable solution satisfactory to both parties. If the matter is not resolved by negotiation within 30 days of receipt of written notice or invitation to negotiate, the parties agree first to try in good faith to settle the matter by mediation administered by the American Arbitration Association under its Commercial Mediation Procedures before resorting to arbitration, litigation, or some other dispute resolution procedure. The parties may enter into a written amendment to this Agreement and choose a mediator that is not affiliated with the American Arbitration Association. The parties shall bear the costs of such mediation equally. *[This section may also provide for the qualifications of the mediator(s), the locale of meetings, time limits, or any other item of concern to the parties.]* If the matter is not resolved through such mediation within 60 days of the initiation of that procedure, either party may proceed to file suit.

5. Personnel.
  - a. The Contractor represents that he/she/it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required in performing the services under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the County.
  - b. All of the services required hereunder will be performed by the Contractor or under its supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under State and Local law to perform such services.
  - c. None of the work or services covered by this Agreement shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of the County. Any work or services subcontracted hereunder shall be specified by written contract or agreement and shall be subject to each provision of this Agreement.
6. Assignability. The Contractor shall not assign any interest on this Agreement, and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation), without the prior written consent of the County thereto; Provided, however, that claims for money by the Contractor from the County under this Agreement may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such approval. Written notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the County.
7. Reports and Information. The Contractor, at such times and in such forms as the County may require, shall furnish the County such periodic reports as it may request pertaining to the work or services undertaken pursuant to this Agreement, the costs and obligations incurred or to be incurred in connection therewith, and any other matters covered by this Agreement.
8. Records and Audits. The Contractor shall insure that the County maintains fiscal records and supporting documentation for all expenditures of funds made under this contract in a manner that conforms to 2 CFR 200.300-.309, 24 CFR 570.490, and this Agreement. Such records must include data on the racial, ethnic, and gender characteristics of persons who are applicants for, participants in, or beneficiaries of the funds provided under this Agreement. County shall retain such records, and any supporting documentation, for the greater of three years from closeout of the Agreement or the period required by other applicable laws and regulations.
9. Findings Confidential. All of the reports, information, data, etc., prepared or assembled by the Contractor under this contract are confidential and the Contractor agrees that they shall not be made available to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the County.
10. Copyright. No report, maps, or other documents produced in whole or in part under this Agreement shall be the subject of an application for copyright by or on behalf of the Contractor.
11. Compliance with Local Laws. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances and codes of the State and local governments, and the Contractor shall save the County harmless with respect to any damages arising from any tort done in performing any of the work embraced by this Agreement.
12. Conflicts of interest.
  - a. Governing Body. No member of the governing body of the County and no other officer, employee, or agent of the County, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with administration, construction, engineering, or implementation of the TxCDBG award between TDA and the County shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Contractor or this Agreement; and the Contractor shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.
  - b. Other Local Public Officials. No other public official who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the planning and carrying out of administration, construction, engineering or

Implementation of the TxCDBG award between TDA and the County shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Contractor or this Agreement; and the Contractor shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.

- c. Contractor and Employees. The Contractor warrants and represents that it has no conflict of interest associated with the TxCDBG award between TDA and the County or this Agreement. The Contractor further warrants and represents that it shall not acquire an interest, direct or indirect, in any geographic area that may benefit from the TxCDBG award between TDA and the County or in any business, entity, organization or person that may benefit from the award. The Contractor further agrees that it will not employ an individual with a conflict of interest as described herein.
13. Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689). The Contractor certifies, by entering into this Agreement, 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 (3 CFR Part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR Part 1989 Comp., p. 235). The term “principal” for purposes of this Agreement 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.”

#### **Federal Civil Rights Compliance.**

14. Equal Opportunity Clause (applicable to contracts and subcontracts over \$10,000).

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

- a. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- b. The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- c. The Contractor will not discourage or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee’s essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor’s legal duty to furnish information.

- d. The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
  - e. The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
  - f. The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
  - g. In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
  - h. The Contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (a) and the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (h) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, That in the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.
15. Civil Rights Act of 1964. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.
16. Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. No person in the United States shall on the ground of race, color, national origin, religion, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this title.
17. Section 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The Contractor agrees that no otherwise qualified individual with disabilities shall, solely by reason of his/her disability, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination, including discrimination in employment, under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.
18. Age Discrimination Act of 1975. The Contractor shall comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 which provides that no person in the United States shall on the basis of age be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

*[If this Contract is greater than \$100,000, include the following Section 3 language:]*

19. Economic Opportunities for Section 3 Residents and Section 3 Business Concerns.

- A. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
- B. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.
- C. The Contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.
- D. The Contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135. The Contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135.
- E. The Contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the Contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 135.
- F. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this Agreement for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.
- G. With respect to work performed in connection with section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this Agreement. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (i) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this Agreement that are subject to the provisions of section 3 and section 7(b) agree to comply with section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with section 7(b).