

# GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

## PART I - AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF SELECTION BY THE COURT, MADE ON THE 19th DAY OF JULY, 2022 BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, hereinafter referred to as the Client, and GRANTWORKS, INC., Austin, Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Consultant, procured in conformance with Local Government Code 252/262 and 2 CFR Part 200.

### I. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Consultant agrees to render Client grant administration services for Client's U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR”) funds Contract Number CDR17-1419-APP, administered by the Texas General Land Office (“GLO”) for disaster recovery against future disasters, as provided in the provisions titled, "Part III, Scope of Work" and attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein (the “Services”).

### II. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

The time of services of Consultant shall commence no earlier than the date of this agreement. In any event, Consultant shall use commercially reasonable efforts to perform all services required and performed hereunder within either 730 calendar days or the project's administrative closure date, as defined by GLO, whichever is later.

### III. COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

For and in consideration of the foregoing, Client agrees to pay Consultant a fixed fee of Sixty-one thousand dollars, (\$61,000.00) – 6.1% of the grant application in accordance with the following schedule. All payments are conditioned upon submission of invoices by Consultant. Listing of specific milestones shall not be construed as a representation or warranty, and Consultant makes no representations or warranties that these milestones measure overall contract progress facilitated by the Consultant's performance of the services, and any particular milestone will be achieved or that any specific GLO or other requirements ultimately will be met. The fee schedule shall be based upon identified contract milestones, as follows:

<b>Administrative Services Milestones</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Establish Files, Recordkeeping, and Financial Systems	\$ 6,100.00	10%
25% of Grant Funds Requested and Administration Activities to Date	\$ 12,200.00	20%
50% of Grant Funds Requested and Administration Activities to Date	\$ 15,250.00	25%
75% of Grant Funds Requested and Administration Activities to Date	\$ 12,200.00	20%
90% of Grant Funds Requested and Administration Activities to Date	\$ 12,200.00	20%
Close-out Documents Submitted	\$ 3,050.00	5%
	\$ 61,000.00	100%
<b>Contract Total</b>	<b>\$61,000</b>	

**\*By signing this Agreement, Client issues Notice to Proceed for environmental services and all other administrative services.**

#### **IV. ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

- A. If authorized by Client, the Consultant shall furnish Additional Services of the following types which are not considered normal or customary Administrative Services; these will be paid for by the Client at an hourly rate of Ninety-five and no/100 Dollars (\$95.00).
1. Reassessment of the environmental review, republication of environmental notices, and other actions necessary to re-secure clearance from the GLO required by an amendment, other Contract modification, or a change in GLO policy or practice.
  2. Additional door-to-door income survey work required as part of an amendment, other Contract modification, or a change in GLO policy or practice.
  3. New and/or additional acquisition activities resulting from unknown needs prior to project initiation, site changes, and/or condemnation proceedings.
  4. Preparing to serve, or serving, as a consultant or witness for Client in any litigation, other legal or administrative proceeding involving this project.
  5. Preparation of financial statements and records such as audits, check registers, and ledgers that are required for project implementation and are typically generated by the Client in the normal course of business.
  6. Additional or extended services made necessary by: 1) a significant amount of defective work of any construction contractor, consulting engineer and/or architect; 2) prime construction contractor utilizing more than three (3) sub-contractors; 3) more than two (2) prime construction contracts; 4) force account documentation for labor, equipment and materials valued at over \$25,000; 5) default of any construction contractor, consulting engineer and/or architect.
- B. Fees for any professional services required to carry out project-related activities that must be furnished by a third-party professional including but not limited to Phase I or II environmental assessments or services by an accountant, appraiser, archaeologist, architect, attorney, auditor, biologist or other natural scientist, engineer, historic preservationist, or surveyor, shall be in addition to the base fee payable to Consultant specified in Section III. Expenditures for such services shall require prior approval by Client.

#### **V. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS**

The Client may, from time to time, request changes in the scope of services of the consultant to be performed hereunder. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Consultant's compensation, must be mutually agreed upon by and between the Client and the Consultant and shall be incorporated in written amendments to this Agreement. If a change is requested but the parties cannot agree on the specific terms of such change, the parties may mutually agree to terminate this Agreement. Absent such agreement to terminate, the Agreement will continue without the change.

#### **VI. ASSIGNABILITY**

Neither party shall assign any interest in this Agreement or transfer any interest in the same, without the prior written consent of the other party, not to be unreasonably withheld, provided, however, that claims for money by the Consultant from the Client 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 reasonably promptly to the Client.

#### **VII. RECORDS AND AUDITS**

During the term of this Agreement, the Consultant shall assist the Client in maintaining fiscal records and supporting documentation for all expenditures of funds made under the Contract. Such records must include data on racial, ethnic, and gender characteristics of persons who are applicants for, participants in, or beneficiaries of the funds provided under the Contract. Client shall retain such records, and any supporting documentation, for the greater of three years from closeout of the Contract or the period required by other applicable laws and regulations.

## VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be construed under and accord with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in the county in which Client's primary office is located.
- B. Binding Effect; No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representative, successors and permitted assigns. This Agreement does not and is not intended to confer any rights or remedies to any person other than the parties to this Agreement.
- C. Severability. 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. Attorneys' Fees. 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 attorneys' fees, costs, and necessary disbursement in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.
- E. Provision of Information. It is agreed that all information, data, reports and records and maps as are existing, available and necessary for the carrying out of the work outlined in this Agreement shall be furnished to the Consultant by the Client and its agencies. No charge will be made to Consultant for such information and the Client and its agencies will cooperate with Consultant in every way possible to facilitate the performance of the work described in this Agreement.
- F. Local Program Liaison. For purposes of this Contract, the Mayor or equivalent authorized person will serve as the Local Program Liaison and primary point of contact for the Consultant. All required progress reports and communication regarding the project shall be directed to this liaison and other local personnel as appropriate.
- G. Waiver of Consequential Damages. Neither party will be liable to the other party or any other person or entity for any special, incidental, indirect, consequential, punitive or exemplary damages arising out of or relating to this Agreement, regardless of the form of action and whether or not such party has been informed of or otherwise might have anticipated the possibility of such damages.
- H. Limitation of Liability. Each party agrees that, regardless of the type, nature or number of causes of action or claims by the Client (including without limitation claims for indemnity under this Agreement) or any third party claiming by, through or under the Client, the maximum amount of damages, individually or in the aggregate, that either party will be liable for or can be required to pay to the other or any other claimant is the amount of fees to be paid to the Consultant by the Client under this Agreement. The parties agree that this limitation of damages is reasonable and acknowledge that but for this limitation, neither party would enter into this Agreement.
- I. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the sole and entire agreement of the parties with regard to contemporaneous understandings or written or oral agreements between the parties respecting the subject matter of this Agreement.
- J. Negotiated Terms. The parties agree that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are the result of negotiations between the parties and that this Agreement shall not be construed in favor of or against either party by reason of the extent to which such party or its professional advisors participated in the preparation of this Agreement.

- K. Ownership of Work and Copyright. The parties agree that the Consultant retains all ownership rights to forms, reports, and other documents produced in whole or in part under this Agreement until such documents are completed as contemplated under this Agreement and placed in the official Contract record or submitted as final documents to the Client or the GLO. Consultant shall retain all ownership rights to templates, internal tracking systems, and other documents produced by Consultant that have a common use applicable to multiple clients and are not produced specifically for the Client under this Agreement. 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 Consultant.
- L. Remedies, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and Program Non-Compliance. The parties hereto agree to resolve all disputes arising hereunder in accordance with this section. If a dispute arises out of or relates to this Agreement or any alleged breach hereof, including determination of responsibility for any costs disallowed as a result of non-compliance with federal, state or CDBG-DR program requirements, the party desiring to resolve such dispute shall deliver a written notice of the dispute, including the specific claim in the dispute to the other party. Following the delivery of such notice, the parties involved in the dispute shall meet at least twice within the thirty (30) day period commencing with the date of the notice and in good faith shall attempt to resolve such dispute through negotiation. If any dispute is not resolved or settled by the parties as a result of such negotiation, the parties in good faith shall submit the dispute to non-binding mediation before a retired judge of a federal district court or Texas district court or a similarly qualified, mutually agreeable individual in Austin, Texas. The parties shall bear the costs of such mediation equally. If the dispute is not resolved through such mediation, either party may proceed to file suit.
- M. Force Majeure. A “Force Majeure Event” means any event or cause beyond a party’s reasonable control (including without limitation, construction delays, fire, flood, rain, weather, casualty, explosions, damage by third parties whether negligently or intentionally caused, strikes, work stoppages, picketing, acts of God or other casualties, or the laws or actions of any governmental authority), as a result of which at any time a party is unable to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement. If a Force Majeure Event occurs during the term of this Agreement that prevents the Consultant from performing its obligations hereunder, the Consultant and the Client will in good faith mutually agree on one of the following alternatives: (1) extend the time for performance, or (2) terminate this Agreement and, as mutually agreed, cause the payment to Consultant of fees not yet paid for services performed prior to the occurrence of the Force Majeure Event or cause the refund to Client of fees previously paid for services that were not performed prior to the occurrence of the Force Majeure Event.

**IX. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

This Agreement is subject to the provisions titled "Part II Terms and Conditions", "Part III Scope of Basic Services" and "Attachments A-E," which each are attached hereto and hereby are incorporated by reference.

IN WITNESSETH HEREOF, the Client and the Consultant have executed this Agreement as of the date indicated above.

**GrantWorks, Inc.  
2201 Northland Drive  
Austin, TX 78756**

**County of Jefferson  
1149 Pearl Street  
Beaumont, TX 77701**

BY:



**Bruce J. Spitzengel  
President**

BY:

**Jeff Branick  
County Judge**

ATTEST:

BY:

**Laurie Leister  
Interim County Clerk**

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PART II - TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. **PERSONNEL.** The Consultant represents 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 Client. The Consultant may subcontract any of the work or services covered by this Agreement, provided that (a) any subcontracted work or services must be the subject of a written approval written contract or agreement, (b) the Consultant shall be responsible to Client for the acts or omissions of any such subcontractor, and (c) such subcontractors shall be subject to the requirements of the program.
2. **REPORTS AND INFORMATION.** The Consultant, at such times and in such forms as the Client may reasonably require, shall furnish the Client 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.
3. **RECORD RETENTION.** In accordance with 2 CFR 200.333, Consultant shall provide to Client all records pertinent to the Contract. Client shall retain all required records for at least three (3) years after making final payments and all other pending matters are closed.
4. **ACCESS TO RECORDS.** In accordance with 2 CFR 200.336, during the Agreement's time of performance the grantee, the subgrantee, the Federal grantor agency, Inspectors General, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives will have access to any books, documents, papers, and records maintained by the Consultant which are directly pertinent to the Contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.
5. **FINDINGS CONFIDENTIAL.** All of the reports, information, data, etc., prepared or assembled by the Consultant under this Agreement are confidential and the Consultant agrees that they shall not be made available to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the Client except where required by law or by court order.
6. **COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL LAWS; INDEMNIFICATION.** Consultant shall comply with the requirements of all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and shall, indemnify, and hold harmless the Client from and against them, and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Client from and against liability for payments of Federal, State and local taxes on contributions imposed or required under the Social Security, worker's compensation and income tax laws associated solely with Consultant's performance of the services required to be performed by Consultant under this Agreement.
7. **TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT FOR CAUSE.** In accordance with 2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (B) If the Consultant shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner his/her obligations under this Agreement, or if the Consultant shall violate any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this Agreement, the Client shall provide written notice to Consultant reasonably specifying the failure or violation. If Consultant fails to cure such failure or violation within five (5) business days of receiving such notice or, if the failure or violation is incapable of cure within such time frame, to begin to take actions to cure such failure or violation and to diligently pursue them to completion, Client thereupon shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately by giving written notice to the Consultant. Consultant shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any work satisfactorily completed hereunder. In such event, all finished documents, data,

studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs and reports prepared by the Consultant under this Agreement shall, at the option of the Client, become its property.

8. **TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT FOR CONVENIENCE.** Either the Client or the Consultant may terminate this Agreement at any time by providing at least ten (10) days' notice in writing to the other party to this Agreement. If the Agreement is terminated as provided herein, the Consultant will be paid for the time provided and expenses incurred up to the termination date. In such event, all finished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs and reports prepared by the Consultant under this Agreement shall, at the option of the Client, become its property.

9. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

A. **Governing Body:** Client agrees that no member of its governing body, no other public official of Client, and no other officer, employee, or agent of the Client who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the planning and carrying out of the program, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement, and Client shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance with this requirement.

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 CDBG award between the GLO and the County shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Consultant or this Agreement; and the Consultant shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.

C. **Consultant and Employees.** The Consultant warrants and represents that it has no conflict of interest associated with the CDBG award between the GLO and the Client or this Agreement. The Consultant further warrants and represents that it shall not acquire an interest, direct or indirect, in any geographic area that may benefit from the CDBG award between the GLO and the Client or in any business, entity, organization or person that may benefit from the award. The Consultant further agrees that it will not employ an individual with a conflict of interest as described herein.

10. **DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (EXECUTIVE ORDERS 12549 AND 12689).**

The Consultant 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 (1986) and 12689 (1989). 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 Consultant. The Consultant 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."

11. **GENERAL TERMS REGARDING THIRD-PARTY SERVICES**

Some services will be performed by third-party service providers.

Assistance by Consultant with (1) verification of construction contractors or other service contractors, (2) selection of bid award winners, or (3) any other activity relating to contractors, subcontractors, bid award winners or any other third party not directly engaged through a written agreement with Consultant to provide services required to be provided by Consultant under this Agreement (collectively "Third Parties") is not intended to be and shall not be construed as an

endorsement, representation or warranty by Consultant of any kind relating to such Third Party Service Providers or of the quality of such Third Parties work, and all such endorsements, representations or warranties hereby are expressly disclaimed.

Assistance by Consultant with the fulfillment of any requirements imposed by Third Parties, governmental or otherwise, shall not be construed as a representation or warranty, and Consultant makes no representations or warranties, that any particular requirement will be achieved or met, and Consultant assumes no responsibility for the achievement or failure to achieve such requirements.

All assistance by Consultant described in this Agreement based on information provided by Third Parties shall be considered information provided by Client, and Consultant shall be entitled to rely on such information without any additional duty of inquiry or investigation.

12. FEDERAL COMPLIANCE. During the term of this Agreement, the parties shall comply with all Federal laws, regulations, and rules including the following:
- A. CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, 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.
  - B. SECTION 504 REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, as amended. The Consultant 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.
  - C. AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 1975. The Consultant 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.
  - D. SECTION A109 OF THE HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974.
    - i. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no person shall on the ground of race, color, religion, national origin 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.
  - E. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE. During the performance of this Agreement, the Consultant agrees as follows:
    - i. The Consultant will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Consultant 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 Consultant 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.
    - ii. The Consultant will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Consultant, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.



- iii. The Consultant 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 Consultant's legal duty to furnish information.
- iv. The Consultant 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 Consultant's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- v. The Consultant will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, "Equal Employment Opportunity," and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- vi. The Consultant 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.
- vii. In the event of the Consultant'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 Consultant 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.
- viii. The Consultant will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (i) and the provisions of paragraphs (i) through (vii) 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 Consultant 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 Consultant becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the Consultant may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

F. CONTRACTING WITH SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES, WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS.

- A. The non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.
- B. Affirmative steps must include:
  - i. Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
  - ii. Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
  - iii. Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
  - iv. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
  - v. Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and
  - vi. Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this section.

13. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR SECTION 3 RESIDENTS AND SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERNS.

- A. 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 Agreement will comply with the provisions of said Section 3 and the regulations issued pursuant thereto by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development set forth in 24 CFR 135, and all applicable rules and orders of the GLO issued thereunder prior to the execution of this Agreement. The parties to this Agreement certify and agree that they are under no contractual or other disability which would prevent them from complying with these requirements.
- C. The Client shall require each contractor to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which he/she has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, if any, a notice advising the said labor organization or workers' representative of his/her commitments under this Section 3 clause and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment or training.
- D. The Client shall require that this Section 3 clause is included in every contract or subcontract for work in connection with the project and will, take appropriate action upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of regulations issued by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 24 CFR Part 135. The Client shall not subcontract with any subcontractor where it has notice or knowledge that the latter has been found in violation of regulations under 24 CFR Part 135 and will terminate any subcontract unless the subcontractor has first provided it with a preliminary statement of ability to comply with requirements of the regulations. 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.

- E. Compliance with the provisions of Section 3, the regulations set forth in 24 CFR Part 135, and all applicable rules and orders of the GLO issued hereunder prior to the execution of the contract, shall be a condition of the federal financial assistance provided to the project, binding upon the applicant or recipient for such assistance, its successors and assigns. Failure to fulfill these requirements shall subject the applicant, its contractors and subcontractors, its successors and assigns to those sanctions specified by the grant or loan agreement or contract through which federal assistance is provided, and to such sanctions as are specified by 24 CFR Part 135.
- F. 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.
- G. 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.
- H. 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).

14. PATENT RIGHTS AND INVENTIONS. The Consultant shall comply with the requirements and regulations pertaining to patent rights with respect to any discovery or invention which arises or is developed in the course of or under such contract. (2 CFR 200 Appendix II (f) and Rights to Inventions in 37 CFR Part 401).

15. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT. If the federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "rights to inventions made by nonprofit organizations and small business firms under government grants, contracts and cooperative agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency. (2 CFR 200 Appendix II (F)).

16. ENERGY EFFICIENCY. The Consultant shall comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94A 163, 89 Stat. 871). (2 CFR 200

APPENDIX II (H) and 42 U.S.C. 6201).

17. VERIFICATION NO BOYCOTT ISRAEL. As required by Chapter 2270.002, Government Code, the Consultant hereby verifies that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel through the term of this Agreement. For purposes of this verification, "boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

18. NO FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS. Pursuant to Chapter 2252.152, Texas Government Code, the Consultant represents and certifies that, at the time of execution of this Agreement neither the Consultant, nor any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the same (i) engages in business with Iran, Sudan, or any foreign terrorist organization as described in Chapters 806 or 807 of the Texas Government Code, or Subchapter F of Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code, or (ii) is a company listed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Sections 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code. The term "foreign terrorist organization" in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code.

19. GLO LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PROJECT DELIVERY FEE CAP.

Total project delivery fees paid under this Contract, including any subcontracts, shall not exceed the GLO's cap of maximum rates based on the fixed rate pricing that is dependent upon the CDBG-DR final award amount at contract closeout. The percentage fee cap is outline in this Agreement in Part I. Section III. Compensation and Method of Payment. Project Delivery may include, but is not limited to, grant administrator fees, costs associated with environmental clearance and costs for in-house efforts. Any decrease in the total CDBG-DR award at final contract closeout, including those resulting from lower-than-anticipated construction costs or reduced project scope, will automatically adjust the total not-to-exceed fee owed to GrantWorks.

**AGREEMENT FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES  
PART III - SCOPE OF WORK**



**TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE  
GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES  
SCOPE OF WORK**

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GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES – INFRASTRUCTURE.....

## **SCOPE OF SERVICES REQUESTED**

Providers will help Client and the GLO fulfill State and Federal Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR”) statutory responsibilities related to recovery in connection with any federally declared disaster. Providers will assist in completion of CDBG-DR qualified housing or non-housing projects. Respondents may be qualified to provide Grant Administration services for housing projects, non-housing projects, or both. Grant administrative services must be performed in compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) and guidelines issued by the GLO.

## **DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

Consultant shall furnish pre-funding and post-funding grant administrative services to complete the Disaster recovery projects, including, but not limited to the following:

### **Pre-Funding Services**

Grant Administrator will develop project scope and complete CDBG-DR application. The provider will work with the subrecipient and Engineering, if applicable, to provide the concise information needed for submission of complete disaster recovery funding application and related documents. The required information shall be submitted in a format to be described by the GLO.

### **Post-Funding Services**

Grant Administrator will administer, and complete infrastructure, utilities, housing and eligible projects approved for disaster recovery funding. The selected administrative firm must follow all requirements of the Texas CDBG Disaster Recovery program.

## Grant Administration Services – General

### (a) Administrative Duties:

- i. Coordinate, as necessary, between subrecipient and any other appropriate service providers (i.e. Engineer, Environmental, etc.), contractor, subcontractor and GLO to effectuate the services requested.
- ii. May assist in public hearings.
- iii. Will work with GLO's system of record.
- iv. Provide monthly project status updates.
- v. Funding release will be based on deliverables identified in Section 3.
- vi. Labor and procurement duties:
  - a. Provide all Labor Standards Officer (LSO) Services.
  - b. Ensure compliance with all relevant labor standards regulations.
  - c. Ensure compliance with procurement regulations and policies.
  - d. Maintain document files to support compliance.

### vii. Financial duties:

- a. Prepare and submit all required reports (Section 3, Financial Interest, etc.).
- b. Assist subrecipient with the procurement of audit services.
- c. Assist subrecipient in establishing and maintaining a bank account for disaster recovery funds.
- d. Implementation and coordination of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing ("AFFH") requirements as directed by HUD and the GLO.
- e. Implementation and coordination of Section 504 requirements.
- f. Program compliance.
- g. Ensure that fraud prevention and abuse practices are in place and being implemented.
- h. Prepare and submit all closeout documents.
- i. Submit all invoices no later than 60 days after the expiration of the contract. All outstanding funds may be swept after 60 days. The provider may request an extension of this requirement in writing.
- j. Assist in preparation of contract revisions and supporting documents including but not limited to:
  - Amendments/modifications,
  - Change orders.

### (b) Construction Management

- i. The provider will assist the subrecipient in submitting/setting up project applications in the GLO's system of record.
- ii. The provider may compile and collate complete contract/bid packages that meet GLO program requirements. The packages will contain supporting documentation that meets or exceeds the requirements of the GLO's program. If applications do not have the necessary forms, the provider may assist the subrecipient by coordinating to acquire the necessary documentation.
- iii. The provider may monitor, report, and evaluate contractor's performance; notify the subrecipient if the contractor(s) fails to meet established scheduled milestones. Receive, review, recommend, and process any change orders as appropriate to the individual projects.

- iv. The provider may assist the subrecipient with project Activity Draws/Close Out.
- v. The provider may assist the subrecipient by submitting all the necessary documentation for draws and to close a project activity in the GLO's system of record. The provider will compile, review for completeness, and collate complete contract/closeout packages that meet GLO program requirements for draw requests. If applications do not have the necessary forms, the provider may assist the subrecipient by coordinating to acquire the necessary documentation.
- vi. Reassignment scope alignment (if necessary).

## **Grant Administration Services – Infrastructure**

### **a) Administrative Duties:**

- i. Ensure program compliance including all CDBG-DR requirements and all parts therein, current Federal Register, etc.
- ii. Assist subrecipient in establishing and maintaining financial processes.
- iii. Obtain and maintain copies of the subrecipient's most current contract including all related change requests, revisions and attachments.
- iv. Establish and maintain record keeping systems.
- v. Assist subrecipient with resolving monitoring and audit findings.
- vi. Serve as monitoring liaison.
- vii. Assist subrecipient with resolving third party claims.
- viii. Report suspected fraud to the GLO.
- ix. Submit timely responses to the GLO requests for additional information.
- x. Complete draw request forms and supporting documents.
- xi. Facilitate outreach efforts, application intake, and eligibility review.
- xii. Perform any other administrative duty required to deliver the project.
- xiii. Utilize and assist with GLO's system of record to complete milestones, submit documentation, reports, draws, change requests, etc.
- xiv. Submit change requests and all required documentation related to any change requests.

### **(b) Acquisition Duties\*:**

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

### **(c) Environmental Services**

- i. Assist detailed scope of services
  - a. Review each project description to ascertain and/or verify the level of environmental review required: Exempt, Categorical Exclusion not Subject to 58.5, Categorical Exclusion Subject to 58.5, Environmental Assessment, and Environmental Impact Statements;
  - b. Prepare, complete and submit HUD required forms for environmental review and provide all documentation to support environmental findings;
  - c. Consult and coordinate with oversight/regulatory agencies to facilitate environmental clearance;
  - d. Be able to perform or contract special studies, additional assessments, or permitting



- to secure environmental clearance. These may include, but are not limited to biological assessments, wetland delineations, asbestos surveys, lead-based paint assessments, archeology studies, architectural reviews, etc.;
- e. Prepare all responses to comments received during comment phase of the environmental review, including State/Federal Agency requiring further studies and/or comments from public or private entities during public comment period;
  - f. Maintain close coordination with local officials, project engineer and other members of the project team to assure appropriate level of environmental review is performed and no work is conducted without authorization;
  - g. Complete and submit the environmental review into GLO's system of record;
  - h. At least one site visit to project location and completion of a field observation report
  - i. Prepare and submit for publication all public notices including, but not limited to the Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), Request for Release of Funds floodplain/wetland early and final notices in required order and sequence;
  - j. Provide documentation of clearance for Parties Known to be Interested as required by 24 CFR 58.43;
  - k. Process environmental review and clearance in accordance with NEPA;
  - l. Advise and complete environmental re-evaluations per 24 CFR 58.47 when evidence of further clearance or assessment is required;
  - m. Prepare and submit Monthly Status Report; and
  - n. Participate in regularly scheduled progress meetings.

\*Acquisition Activities may not be required in each project other than the submittal of an "acquisition report" documenting no activities. GrantWorks will assist in facilitating additional acquisition services that may be required, including any or all of the following activities: obtaining documentation of property ownership, correspondence and notifications to property owners, negotiations between the Client and property owners, requesting signatures, filing records, CAD-based fair market value estimates, coordinating the services of appraisers, surveyors, or other third parties. Costs for any third-party acquisition services shall be paid from the Acquisition line item.